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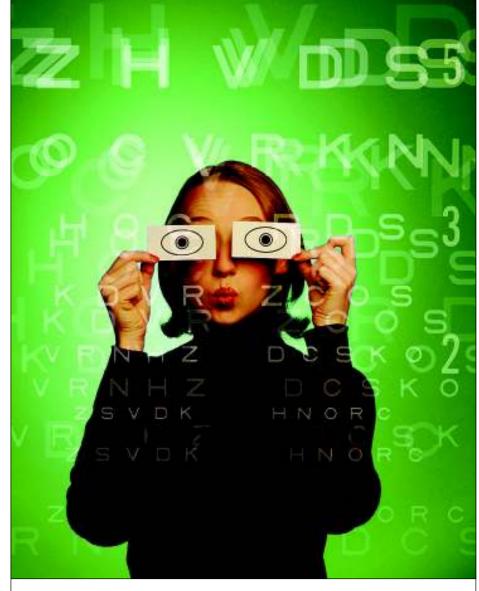


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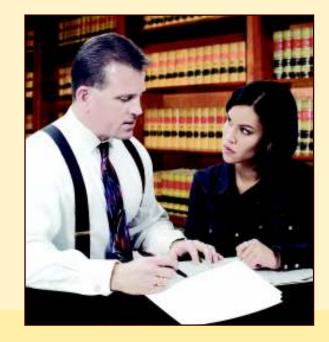
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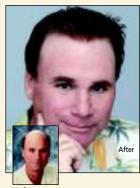
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**Borderline business** Word that San Diego mayor-elect **Jerry Sanders** and Tijuana mayor **Jorge Hank Rhon** are getting together to promote



Jorge Hank Rho

the cross-border economy has resurrected not-so-distant memories of ex-mayor **Susan Golding** and her onetime husband, **Richard T. Silberman**, the financier who went to prison in 1990 after being caught up in an FBI money-laundering sting. Hank has a long history, a lot of it unsavory, according to

his critics, including **Jesús Blancornelas**, whose Tijuana newspaper *Zeta* runs a weekly ad with the line, "Jorge Hank Rhon: Why did your bodyguard **Antonio Vera Palestina** kill me? — **Héctor 'Gato' Félix Miranda**." That refers to the 1988 murder of fellow journalist Félix, for which two of Hank's employees went to prison; Hank denied any involvement. In 1997, Blancornelas barely survived after assailants unknown fired more than 200 bullets into his car as he was being driven to work. Blancornelas was hit four times; the driver died.

Sanders and Hank will appear at "A binational salute to the San Diego/Tijuana manufacturing community," to be held tomorrow at Tijuana's Hotel Pueblo Amigo, according to an invitation on the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce website. Awards will be given, the invitation says, to "Companies That Recognize the Economic Importance of Facilities in *Both* Tijuana and San Diego and Have Improved the Lives of Our Citizens by Outstanding Service to the World's Greatest International Region. There are more than 100 companies that have facilities on both sides of the border!"

Last week the *Union-Tribune* reported that Hank's personal envoy to the Sanders administration would be **Alfonso Bustamante Anchondo**, identified by the paper as "a Tijuana businessman and an ex-government official." He's the son of **Alfonso Bustamante Labastida**, 90, the Tijuana cooking-gas magnate, for generations one of Tijuana's wealthiest and most powerful men. Another son, **Carlos Bustamante Anchondo**, president of Grupo Bustamante, was a longtime associate of Silberman's. At the time of Silberman's legal travails, it was widely reported that he was prepared to implicate Carlos in unspecified wrongdoing in exchange for leniency from the Feds, but nothing ever came of it.

FBI notes of wiretaps conducted as part of the government's case against Silberman revealed that



Richard Silberman

he talked to Carlos about a deal to build a factory in Tijuana involving Kyocera, a Japanese electronics company. On February 13, 1989, according to the FBI notes, Silberman, then married to Golding — at the time a county supervisor — was picked up talking to Carlos: "Bustamante told R.S. about

his deals, and in two weeks 'Inamuri' [presumably **Kazuo Inamori**, the founder of Kyocera] is coming to town. Inamuri is pushing the idea of a twin plant so he can bring his buddies in." On February 16, the notes said, a caller identified as Bustamante told Sil-

berman, "I turn over the factory on the last day of the month. It's about \$400,000 plus the contract." Later that day, a Kyocera executive phoned Silberman to talk about a reception for border VIPs held by Golding and the board of supervisors. The Kyocera vice president said he "feels honored of recognition." Silberman then reportedly said he "needs the resources of Inamuri." Shortly after that, Silberman called Golding's executive secretary "re: reception plans. They discuss inviting some prominent Japanese businessmen from Sony [and] Panasonic" to the party. "Carlos Bustamante for Dick," says a later entry, dated March 31, 1989. "In lobby waiting for Dick. Carlos is coming up to office for meeting with Dick."

**Landed gentry** Departing San Diego city manager **Lamont Ewell**, like many a smart property



Lamont Ewell

buyer, has made a pile on downtown residential real estate. On July 11, he sold his seventh-floor unit in the ritzy Renaissance condo complex, located in the city's redevelopment-project area, for \$1,035,500. He purchased it new on October 1, 2002, for \$620,900. So maybe he can't be faulted for being a big re-

development fan. In May, Ewell dashed off a memo to the city council arguing against a move by Councilwoman Donna Frye to force the City's redevelopment agency to repay the \$246 million debt it owes the City's general fund. A big chunk of the money was used to subsidize condo buildings downtown. "Early repayments of City advances could jeopardize the integrity of the redevelopment bonds that have been sold for long term investments," wrote Ewell. "Ultimately, this would impact the effectiveness of future financing of redevelopment areas with the City of San Diego based on a perceived lack of long term commitment of the City by bond investors." It's probably not a surprise that having made a killing, Ewell has invested again. On October 10 of this year, Ewell and wife Mary paid \$446,000 for a second-floor condo on Fifth Avenue near Laurel Street. He also owns a vacation home in Lake Arrowhead, which he bought on August 15, 2003, for \$277,500. Ewell has been named the new city manager of Santa Monica.

Out of the past Former newscaster and San Diego mayoral candidate Dick Carlson has turned up on a list of fat cat donors to the legal defense fund of Scooter Libby, embattled aide to Vice President Dick Cheney. In 1984, Carlson, who had married a wealthy heiress to the Swanson frozen food fortune, ran for mayor against Roger Hedgecock, then enmeshed in a J. David—related political money-laundering scandal. Though endorsed by the *Union-Tribune* and backed by his wife's extensive fortune, Carlson lost badly, in part because Hedgecock backers made fun of his corpulent physique with a bumper sticker saying, "No Fat Mayors." He later moved to New York, where son Tucker now appears on the cable network MSNBC.

- Matt Potter

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### Pension Woes Legacy of GOP Convention

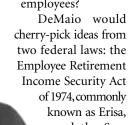
By Don Bauder

ointing to his hometown's dismal experience, San Diegan Carl DeMaio is urging members of Congress to pass legis-

lation imposing federal standards on government pension programs. Others hoot

at such a notion: they note that federal pension laws covering the private sector

> have produced disastrous results. Why push similar laws on plans for government employees?





Carl DeMaio

The Employee Retirement Income Security Act does not now apply to government pension plans. The act sets minimum standards for participation, accrual of benefits, and the like. It is supposed to require accountability of the people who run the plans, but many say that's a joke.

In this 1974 legislation, the government set up an insurer that would pay off employees if their pension plan fails. It's called the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC), and it has a critical flaw: it actually encourages companies to reorganize in bankruptcy and shuck their ailing pension plans off on the government. When they emerge from bankruptcy, they have a leg up on competitors, who feel pressure to do the same thing. It's happening in the airline industry: one goes bankrupt and sheds its pension obligations; others feel they must follow.

Sarbanes-Oxley forces companies to establish tough auditing standards. It also imposes tighter accountability requirements on directors and officers and makes companies vouch for their own internal financial controls.

"I've had a lot of dialogue with members of Congress," says DeMaio, who heads San Diego's Performance Institute, an organization set up continued on page 8

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### **Neal Obermeyer**



### **Kensington Business Balks at New City America**

By Joe Deegan

ight years ago, the Adams Avenue Business Association received a \$600,000

"urban forestry" grant from the State of

California to mitigate the pollution that would result from Interstate 15 traffic. Kensington business property owners chose an ornamental pear tree to plant along Adams Avenue. As they grew, the pear trees developed a blight that has provoked several Kensington business owners to draw up a housing may be coming to Kensington, just as it has to surrounding communities.

Although not a local resident, Chance Billmeyer is the owner of Zen Body Mind Sanctuary and Studio in Kensington and vice president of the Kensington-Talmadge Business Association. On June 16,



Guy Hanford

new community-maintenance plan. But opponents of the plan suspect the pear blight is soon to join that more subjective neighborhood blight developers love hyping to get their way. Then high-density

he gathered a group of 15 Kensington business owners at the Century 21 office on Adams to discuss ways to clean up Kensington. He says he invited local resident Marco Li Mandri, owner of New City America, the company that has revitalized Little Italy and other business locales in cities as far-flung as Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Boston. Billmeyer and Li Mandri subsequently prepared a 21-page report that includes photos and written descriptions of neglected areas in Kensington, including ones with the blighted pear trees. In the report's introductory section, Li Mandri discusses how a maintenance-assessment district might be the answer to cleaning up the neighborhood. But Kensington business property owners already pay \$2.20 per linear foot of frontage around \$300 per year for some — into a maintenanceassessment district that extends down Adams to Texas Street. The district is supposed to keep up the trees, but business owners complain that the work has been neglected.

Li Mandri's New City America specializes in setting up business-improvement and maintenance-assessment districts as the vehicles for rejuvenating communities. Each of them comes about when business and/or property owners assess themselves money to pay for beneficial projects. Business-improvement districts promote such commercial activities as street fairs, while maintenance-assessment districts fund special local services, usually beyond those provided by the City of San

Peevey Jewelers owner Victor Vallejo attended the June



16 meeting. But the Hanfords, his neighbors three doors to the west on Adams Avenue, received no notification of it. The Hanfords have operated Kensington Video in the same location for the past 40 years. They became alarmed when Vallejo told them that at the meeting participants had discussed how business owners could assess themselves to clean up Kensington.

As a result, the family's son Guy Hanford, 53, drew up a petition opposing the idea. He circulated it to all 34 business owners in Kensington. He also sought out Chance Billmeyer for further explanation of what was going on. Hanford says that Billmeyer "told me that something had to be done because Adams Avenue in Kensington is filthy, unhealthy, and deteriorated." Hanford disputes the characterization, arguing that most communities in San Diego would love to be as "blighted" as Kensington.

On July 19, approximately 60 Kensington business and property owners attended an ad hoc meeting in the Normal Heights Community Center to discuss the idea. Like Hanford, several business owners

complained that they had received no notification of the idea's initial discussion on

San Diego Business Improvement District Council chief executive officer Scott Kessler addressed the ad hoc meeting in Normal Heights. He reported that in late June the Adams Avenue Business Association "screamed foul" to his council about "a proposal" to start a new maintenance-assessment district in Kensington, which would address the pear blight and such other problems as weeds

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## Pension woes

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to encourage productivity in government. Congress has to do something: private-sector plans are believed to be underfunded by about \$600 billion. Public-sector ones are \$700 billion in the hole. The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation by year's end will be \$30 billion in the red.

"We should modify Sarbanes-Oxley and apply it to state and local government. There must be an audit committee with independence from the decision-making structures. In San Diego, [former auditor] Ed Ryan was a lapdog, not a watchdog," says DeMaio. If an auditor is appointed, he should take personal responsibility for the financial reports: sanctions could include going to the slammer. If the auditor is elected, the punishment would be getting defeated in the next election.

"The monkey business in San Diego would have been illegal under Erisa," says DeMaio. His proposal "would provide an iron-clad requirement that pension systems be fully funded." Government pension plans would have to discuss their status honestly with people who are covered. There would be national accounting standards for public pension funds.

However, he would not favor an insurance program such as the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation. "If you give politicians an insurance policy, they will act irresponsibly, knowing the Feds will bail them out," he says.

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At least initially, he would not try to impose uniform federal standards such as how long an employee must work before qualifying for the pension program. "I would like to see that, but politically I am not sure it will happen," he says.

Pension lawyer Rob Butterfield, who was on the San Diego pension reform committee, heaps contumely on DeMaio's ideas. "The guys that say Erisa is a panacea should get more education," he says. "I know companies that are under Erisa that are more underfunded than the City of San Diego. The PBGC has more potential debt than assets; the government is trying to bail it out."

Most unbiased observers agree that companies have screwed employees out of pensions through numerous deceitful maneuvers, and the federal government's 1974 pension legislation, along with members of Congress, permitted it to happen.

Butterfield can't see uniform standards for government pension programs. State and city pension plans "would be giving away sovereignty. Imposing federal standards on states and municipalities would create lots of resistance," he says.

It's unrealistic to expect city auditors and mayors to take personal responsibility for a financial report's accuracy. "The Fortune 500 guys are getting paid \$10 million a year and have insurance programs and other protections," he says. By contrast, an auditor or mayor may make \$120,000. "The president of the pension board is an unpaid position." No one would take the job if a huge fine or jail would be possibilities.

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"Somebody may be cooking the books two or three levels below you, and you may not find out," says Butterfield. To expect moderately paid bureaucrats to put their wealth on the line or risk prison to swear to a financial report's validity is a fantasy.

Michael Conger, the lawyer who successfully sued the city over its pension deficiencies, generally agrees with DeMaio. A government pension fund "is a cookie jar, too tempting for politicians to resist. As a government looks to balance its budget, it can't resist raiding the pension fund," says Conger. To cover up the mischief, just as in San Diego, a city engages in actuarial and accounting gymnastics "that a Rumanian gymnast would be proud of."

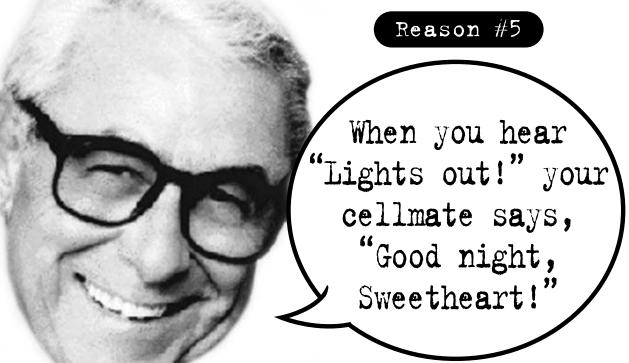
Like DeMaio, he would not favor an insurance pool. The best protection would be "mandatory prison terms for breach of fiduciary duty," says Conger. And he would like to see uniformity in accounting standards: "These plans are structured so they can fail — similar to Wall Street shenanigans. They are so complicated that people [in pension admin-

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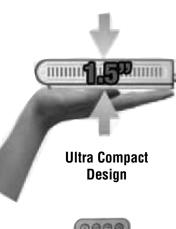
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istration] get away with it. There has to be a tightening of the rules."

It would be a mistake to mandate fully funded plans. They are prone to becoming unfunded "because of the vagaries of the market," says Conger. At the same time, we can't have runaway, permanent underfunding, such as there is in San Diego and other cities and states, as well as at many companies.

Scott Ehrlich, professor of law at California Western School of Law, wants federal standards: "It's the kind of thing pension board officials should have been doing all along," says Ehrlich. "In a financial statement issued by corporations, there is a burden on executive officers to say it is accurate. We should do the same thing in government. Somebody should be on the hook to make sure that the information that goes to the public is accurate."

San Diego is an example. "The troubles we are having

now would not have happened if there had been full disclosure in 1996" when the city raided the pension system to support the Republican convention.

Mary Jo Wiggins, professor of law at the University of San Diego, also favors the DeMaio approach. "The government as an employer has grown in scope and dimension at the state, federal, and local level," she says. "It would be good to have some kind of uniformity. Sarbanes-Oxley would serve as a very useful template for how we might set up monitoring and regulatory procedures for government pensions." That's particularly true of accounting standards, she says. ■

### **New City** America

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around the trees, excessive signage on businesses, and antiquated trash cans. The Adams Avenue Business Association administers the maintenanceassessment district that Kensington property owners already pay into.

"Questions came to mind at the Business Improvement District Council," Kessler went on, "since this was the first time we were aware that someone was attempting to start a maintenance district where there was one already in place. Do you do away with the existing district? Would you have to run a ballot to do away with it? Can you have two districts simultaneously in one place? Would you go to the administrator of the existing district to propose the new district? Meanwhile," Kessler told the gathering, "you all have circulated a petition that the undersigned business owners are not interested in the proposal by New City America."

Maintenance-assessment districts, Kessler told the meeting, occur if business property owners agree democratically (50 percent plus one) to tax themselves. The money can be used to pay for sidewalk maintenance or for decorative vegetation. Only those owners who vote have their voices heard. If only ten people vote on something, six carry the motion. "Your petition," Kessler continued, "had 60 percent of all Kensington owners for not assessing yourself additional dollars, as the new proposal calls for."

After Kessler's presentation, Chance Billmeyer complained that he had just spent two hours cutting blighted branches off the pear tree in front of his business on Adams Avenue. But he spoke up mainly to defend himself and Li Mandri, who did not attend the meeting. "I only wanted to meet with Alan Ellard [builder of the newest condominium complex in Kensington]," said Billmeyer, "to run my proposal by him, because something had to be done about the trees. I chose Ellard because the president of our Kensington-Talmadge Business Association leases property in his building, and I knew I could get a meeting with him. I wanted to show him some ideas. I could have run them by any of you in attendance tonight. And I thought if I'm going to meet with this guy, I'm not going to speak about fluff. So I also talked with Marco Li Mandri to come up with some specific ideas. I used to be a graphic designer myself, so I went into Photoshop and started creating some pictures of what Kensington could look like, my vision of it. I wanted to share that with other people and ask, 'What do you think it could look like? I'm open to your ideas too.' I was hoping that somebody else then would take

Billmeyer went on to defend the list of proposed changes and what they would cost that Li Mandri had put together. The list circulated with the original report describing a new maintenance-assessment district in Kensington. A \$200,000 figure on the bottom line of the list is what alarmed many business owners. It represented what adopting all the changes would cost the community.

But "this list you've all seen has only examples," said Billmeyer. "It never was meant to be a proposal. It is a wish list and just gives an idea of what the costs [of various changes] might be. Marco was kind enough to put that information together."

Billmeyer also addressed concerns over the gas station in Kensington and the Kens-

ington Library, which he calls "ugly as sin." He maintained that, being a big reader, he doesn't want to get rid of the library, only remodel it. Both the gas station and the library have figured into rumors that high-density housing is on its way into Kensington. Several local residents claim they heard Billmeyer say condominiums should be built on the site of the gas station. But Billmeyer denied that he wants to see the station go.

Finally, Billmeyer insisted that he tried to invite all the business owners in Kensington to his June 16 conference with Ellard and Li Mandri. But, Hanford tells me several days later, too many owners say they were never contacted. "They couldn't find me," he says, "and there I am in Kensington Video right on Adams. It smacks too much of the tactic developers use of sending out surveys of interest during the summer when many people are on vacation."

Even though Billmeyer told the July 19 meeting that he was the one to seek the help of Li Mandri initially, Guy Hanford

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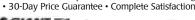
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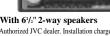


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thinks "there is some confusion about who approached whom" in their collaboration. The efforts do seem to express Billmeyer's "artistic vision," he admits. But he suspects a greater role by Li Mandri than simply estimating costs and explaining how maintenance districts work. He cites a tour of Little Italy that Li Mandri gave four Kensington business owners in early July to explain the maintenance-district concept. "Our community," says Hanford, "has nothing in common with a big business district like Little Italy." There are only residences on either side of the seven-block stretch of businesses on Adams Avenue that people know as Kensington, he notes. And Scott Kessler said at the July 19 meeting that the city is not interested in establishing separate maintenance-assessment districts in communities as small as

Kensington.

CITY LIGHTS

"We now have hit the New City America proposal with a sledgehammer," Hanford continues, "and we'll do it again if we need to. But those kinds of pressure aren't going away. A year and a half ago, the city

sent my parents [who own the property Kensington Video occupies] a letter encouraging them to support changing the zoning along Adams Avenue. But they're in their late 70s and have no desire to make big changes. The Mid-City redevelopment project in City Heights is going strong only a few blocks south of us. Kensington is not part of it, but there is little doubt that pressure for high density is heading up this way."

Chance Billmeyer refuses to judge the Kensington business owners' resistance to his ideas. But by phone, he does tell me that it was a "knee-jerk reaction. Just about everybody in Kensington knows we need some changes. More meetings like we had the other night will help us know what to do," he

Since July the Adams Avenue Business Association has replaced the blighted trees in Kensington. But the move may not have satisfied everyone. Peevey Jewelers owner Vallejo tells me that in early October he had a casual conversation with Marco Li Mandri, who told him that the effort to bring a new maintenance-assessment district to Kensington is not over.

In response, Li Mandri tells me that decision-making in Kensington "has neither begun nor is it over. It doesn't matter what I think; it is what the business and property owners want. If they like Kensington the way it is, then they should do nothing. Many believed Kensington needed to be taken to the next level. There are a few ways to do that. The most effective, quickest way to do that is through a [new] maintenance-assessment district, or what I call a 'communitybenefit district.'

"The [recent process in Kensington] has been filled with misinformation," argues Li Mandri, who also complains that those who called the July 19 meeting to discuss his "initial budget" did not even have "the courtesy of asking me if I was able to make the meeting." The biggest-ticket item in that budget, he says, was to replace the Kensington neighborhood sign, which people could toss out separately if they didn't like. And the fears about Kensington being redeveloped are ridiculous. "Kensington does not even belong in a redevelopment district," he says. ■

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### **Shock At The** Disgusting, Crude, Worthless...

I am in shock over how lengthy the article is that you did on Eleanor Widmer ("The Late Long-Time Queen of the Café Critics," November 23). I worked with her son Jonah about ten years ago — he is by far the most disgusting, crude, worthless excuse for a human being I have ever been around. It didn't surprise me at all to read he lied about his mother's death in order to get his hands on her second payment for the book. Nothing low bottom or scandalous about that pig of a man would surprise me. I am in shock that you didn't do thorough research.

> Linda via e-mail

### **Out Of Tolstoy**

Eleanor Widmer's story is the premise of a great 19thcentury novel ("The Late Long-Time Queen of the Café Critics," November 23). It includes social repression, conflicted values, grand ambition, sexual scandal, great pretense, tragic sadness. It is very much like a novel the Widmers taught in their college literature courses: Tolstoy's Anna Karenina. Thank you for publishing the story.

> Jim Hance Lakeside

### Thank You, Etc.

Thank you for the article about Eleanor Widmer ("The Late Long-time Queen of the Café Critics," November 23). Thank you, thank you, thank you. What a marvel she was. JoAnn McCracken via e-mail

### **Widmer And Board** Onscreen

I just wanted to say that I really enjoyed the cover story about Eleanor Widmer ("The Late Long-Time Queen of the Café Critics," November 23). I enjoyed watching her on KNSD. She was very interesting. And I also like watching Josh Board, the Crasher, the last Sunday of the month on KUSI. I'm really glad that he's on. I like him a lot.

> Judy Vista

### **ERRATA**

Last week's restaurant review of El Bizcocho included an inaccurate explanation of its four-star rating. It should have said "Excellent."

In the November 17 issue, the "Movie Showtimes" contained incorrect information. The Reader regrets any inconvenience this caused.

### **Chain Of Idiots**

I'd like to comment on Barbarella's story about squirrels in the November 23 Reader ("Diary of a Diva"). Barbarella, nobody but an idiot would try to pet a wild animal, and a squirrel is a wild animal. And those people in the emergency room at the hospital who thought it was a big joke are also idiots, and the guy who told you you cannot get rabies from a squirrel is a super idiot. You can get rabies from any mammal, anything from people to skunks to dogs to cats to wolves to foxes to bats to cows. You can even be bitten by a rabid rabbit and catch rabies.

Name Withheld

### **Coughing And** Confused

Re "Tobacco Dollars," November 17. With mentors/ leaders the likes of Susan Golding, numerous San Diego city councilmembers, and CERS board, it is no wonder so many of today's young adults end up learning to tell half-truths, how to hide funds, to embellish and lie about their day-to-day dealings. Politicians' words are about as honest as that of a used-car salesman. Politicians need to start meaning what they say and saying what they mean.

Everyone is expected to be held responsible for what they say. Children bind their parents to their word; bosses bind their employees and employees bind their bosses; teachers bind students and students bind teachers; publishers bind journalists; husbands bind wives and wives bind husbands. So why do we allow politicians to continue to tell us one thing and do something totally different?

Young adults of today are baffled by what they are told is right and what they see happening. Yes, totally confused, coughing, with a cigarette dangling from their lips. And no help available if they wanted to quit smoking.

D.C. Jelen San Diego

### No Need To Worry

I'm just calling to reassure Danielle in the letters to the editor (November 10). In paragraph three of her letter, she refers to the Reader as a "well-respected publication." And I just wanted to let her know that she doesn't need to worry about her good name being sullied, because no one considers the Reader a well-respected publication.

Denise Peterson South Park

### **Boob Jobs And Manic Depressives**

Although I love the Reader — I've been following the Reader for about 20 years now — I've found that all it is lately is just a bunch of advertisements, and, man, that kind of stinks. I realize you have to pay your bills, and that's what a lot of the advertising does. But we sure do miss the good ole Reader, where we had lots of articles and things. Nowadays you're just looking at apartments and boob jobs and manic-depressive and what have you. I hope that the Reader comes back. Name Withheld



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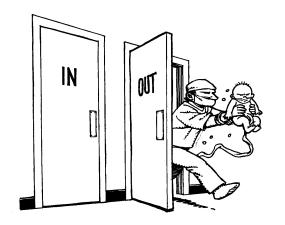


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### STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP



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My sister is having a baby pretty soon and she's terrified that her child might have to go through life with an outie belly button. Is there anything she can do to make sure it is an innie?

— Josh Escondido

Unfortunately, this innie-outie thing should have come up earlier, when something could have been done about it. By now, the bellybutton die is cast. According to staff quack Dr. Doctor, when the umbilical cord is clamped and cut an inch or so from the baby's body, blood vessels in the cord and the baby's abdomen begin to atrophy. In about five days the stump of the cord falls off, and what's left is the infant's bellybutton for life. The size and shape of the healed umbilicus is genetically determined. There's nothing the obstetrician can do to customize your sister's baby's navel.

If this had been the ultimate in planned pregnancies, many months ago your sister would have lined up all her close relatives and the close relatives of the baby's father, had them hike up their shirts, and taken a bellybutton survey, checking for the ratio of innies to outies. Since the baby will get a 50 percent contribution of genes from each family, she could at least have gotten a good idea of which way the navel would go and could plan accordingly. If the prospective dad was from an all-outie family — well, she might have reconsidered the whole deal right then.

But since the deed is done, I'd recommend your sister start nosing around Beverly Hills for a cosmetic surgeon who specializes in sculpting navels. I'm sure there's one out there somewhere. Oh, yeah...that'll be \$300 for the house call, Josh.

M.A.

No matter how tightly I close up my mascara, it always dries up before I use much of it. I suspect this is planned obsolescence. I've tried dribbling water into the little brush hole but it doesn't work. What is mascara thinned with, anyway?

— Elizabeth Arden, La Mesa

If you consider that your mascara is mostly waxy and oily things, you can see why water got you nowhere. I checked out this solidified-eye-goo situation with the Revlon folks, but the minute I said something about pouring stuff into a mascara container, they dropped their nail files and practically leaped through the phone, yelling, "Oh, don't do that!" You probably never think of a mascara brush as a lethal weapon, but it can be dangerous. The product is as sterile as possible when it's packaged, but once you pull the brush out and apply it to your lashes, you've probably contaminated it. Once contamination gets inside the container, your trouble begins

Some professors at Emory University, who obviously weren't carrying a heavy enough course load, filled their idle hours by poking around in the mascara containers of certain willing citizens. They found bacteria growing in half the samples and fungus contentedly reproducing in one out of eight. There's not much you can do to prevent it, apparently. So part of the built-in obsolescence in mascara packaging is to keep its useful life under three months and prevent a buildup of bacteria.

Although Revlon wouldn't even entertain the idea of answering your question, some additional searching around on my part revealed that a solvent like mineral spirits might do the trick. But I'll tell you, Liz, if I find out that you actually try reviving your dead mascara with anything, let alone mineral spirits, I'll be very upset. If you damaged your eyes, you couldn't read "Straight from the Hip." Incentive enough?

But if you don't care about the safety of your sight, consider that anything you do to change the chemical balance of your mascara will prevent it from drying properly on your lashes, leaving you with little raccoony smears around your eyes.

Of course, to me the big question isn't how you get your mascara spreadable again, it's why women do those funny things with their mouths when they put the stuff on. Not even Matthew Alice has a clue about that one.

Dear Matthew Alice:

How come horses can sleep standing up? Why don't they fall over?

— Kris, Central Elementary School

Well, Kris, horses' legs are not built like yours and mine. The arrangement of bones and ligaments in their legs creates a sort of interlocking support system that its body rests on. Think of a sleeping horse as a body, neck, and head resting in a hammock hooked up to four trees. An animal is most vulnerable to predators when it's asleep. And since the horse and its relatives depend on speed to escape danger, the ability to sleep standing up gives them a head start should they have to leap out of bed and run for their lives.

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By Patrick Daugherty

# **Under The Big Top**

read a story in the paper recently that said Dennis Rodman, a creature from the last century, had signed with the Tijuana Dragons of the American Basketball Association. The ABA is a minor, minor basketball league that has, at last count, 46 teams. Normal pay for their athletes is \$600 to \$800 per week.

Then, a few days later, I saw a story about how Rodman and the Tijuana Dragons traveled north to play the San Francisco Pilots. Rodman was scheduled to do a book-signing before the game. Nine people showed up. Rodman didn't. He was late for the game, officials delayed its start 20 minutes. And he was late for the second half on account of doing a TV interview off-court.

Okay, Dennis Rodman is one more has-been on the Freak Show Circuit. One more once-famous person who will do anything, anything, to remain in the public eve and continue to rake in easy money. And make no mistake, dyeing your hair purple, piercing nose and ear and belly, wearing white, floor-length wedding dresses with full-on, trailer-court-whore makeup slopped over your face, in order to entice the odd passerby into giving you his money, may be humiliating for the 12 hours you've dressed in drag, but the money you take home that night is a hell of a lot more than you'll make in a year's time stocking produce at the

By the way, this is not new. Orson Welles, who, it is generally agreed, wrote, directed, and starred in the greatest American movie ever made, Citizen Kane, wound up hawking cheap wine and dog food on television. He once told a friend, "I have an early call tomorrow. For a commercial. Dog food, I think, this time. No, I do not eat from the can on camera, but I celebrate its contents."

I was expecting the same out of Rodman. But, after a bit of research, I'm prepared to admit I've underestimated the cross-dressing egomaniac. Turns out, he's been on the Freak Show Circuit for some time, and, it appears, he plays it, rather than the other way around.

According to Internet Movie Database, Rodman has been in or is scheduled to be in, nine movies as an actor, including two blockbusters, Stripper's Ball and Dead or Alive Xtreme Beach Volleyball. He has been in 14 films as himself, highlighted by this year's boffo hit, Comedy Central Roast of Pamela Anderson. The site lists 56 notable television appearances including, Celebrity Blackjack, Celebrity Poker Showdown, and

Hyppönen Enbuske Experience. We laugh, we gag, we may upchuck. In the meantime, Rodman cashes enormous paychecks.

Rodman worked a few bouts for World Championship Wrestling in the late '90s. His best moment occurred when he hooked up with Hulk Hogan for a double-team match against Karl Malone and Diamond Dallas Page. He and the Hulkster won, perhaps unfairly. Press reports claimed Rodman was drunk during the contest.

Rodman was able to get on the Freak Show Circuit because he was the best rebounder in professional basketball for a long, long time...seven consecutive years, as a matter of fact. And he also had the luck to play on five championship teams; twice with Detroit and three times with Chicago. Still, who cares who the best rebounder was back in the last century? Rodman has been five years gone from the NBA. How do you keep fame when you can no longer do the thing that made you famous?

Rodman hit upon a beautiful solution: play minor, minor league basketball — no way you can get shown up there - and play very few games so you can maintain the fiction that you're not a part of it, you're the guest star. The movies, TV, books, and appearance fees are still shake from the world of basketball. Wedding dresses and makeup are nice, but they won't keep you on the Freak Show

Rodman played for another ABA team, Long Beach Jam, in 2003. As mentioned, he's playing for the Tijuana Dragons this year, but only six to ten games. He's signed for two games in 2006 with the Cedar Valley Jaguars (Waterloo, Iowa), of the International Basketball League. He has played a few minutes in two games for Fuerza Regia of the Mexican Basketball League. And, last summer, he played for Torpan Pojat, a Finnish premier league basketball team, for one game - or, more precisely, 28 minutes of one game. Newspapers report he was paid EUR 50,000 (\$58,883) for his

Which seems to be his rate, and more power to him. Rodman's made big money off his bullshit and stayed out of jail while he was at it. The question is, how long can he last?

The Tijuana Dragons, and maybe Dennis Rodman, will host the Los Angeles Aftershock, 7 p.m. on December 8 at Auditorio Municipal on Blvd Agua Caliente in Tijuana. Telephone 801-891-7255 for

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"I was stoned when I accepted Christ," said Jared Lee, a volunteer at Calvary Chapel San Diego. "When my parents got divorced, I started getting into the drug scene. I would smoke an ounce of weed in three days and would

steal. Everything was about getting the next high." Lee's life changed when three people approached him in Balboa Park and told him about Jesus. "I found hope. There was something more in life," said Lee. Lee now believes Christianity is the only true way. "God opened my eyes." Lee joined Calvary Chapel and participated in their Fellowship in Recovery program. "The program follows the same 12-step program for Alcoholics Anonymous. I went from being a curse to society, as a drug addict and a worthless guy, to a blessing. I moved in to help my grandmother when my grandpa died. I am a high school teacher now, and I work with the youth at church. If I hadn't accepted Christ, I would be in jail or dead."

Last Saturday evening's service began with "O' Come All Ye

Faithful." Two percussionists, electric guitarist, bassist, acoustic guitarist, keyboardist, and three vocalists led the praise worship. The congregation clapped and raised their hands to the upbeat music. Calvary Chapel recently built a large white Spanish-style campus with a sanctuary that seats 1000. The compound includes a school and playgrounds. The church has not raised the money to finish the decor of the sanctuary's white walls. Two windows, with a view into a garden, and plants overhang the pulpit back wall. Pastor Brian Newberry entered from a side door to the large stage. Newberry's flowered shirt, shoulder-length feathered blond hair, and gum chewing created a casual atmosphere. Pastor Newberry preached on 2 Kings chapters 20 and 21. "In chapter 20, King Hezekiah was told he would have a short period to live," said Newberry. "Disease, sickness, cancer, heart disease, these are all things that in many cases end up being a tremendous blessing in people's lives. People know they only have a short amount of time to live. People's priorities change. Ninety-eight percent of the things we wanted to accomplish in our life have no value anymore; the 2 percent is what matters. I have seen bitter people faced with these circumstances seek forgiveness and reconciliation."

Chapter 21 chronicled the life of Hezekiah's son, Manasseh. "Manasseh did evil in the sight of God," said Newberry. "He worshipped pagan gods and erected altars in the Temple of the Lord." Newberry recounted Manasseh's wicked acts: he burnt his babies to pagan gods, he offered his daughters as prostitutes, and he practiced sorcery. "Tradition has it that he killed one of the greatest Old Testament prophets, Isaiah. Manasseh found Isaiah in a tree and sawed him in half. The story doesn't end there, though. Manasseh was captured by the Babylonians and while in prison, he repented. As wicked as Manasseh was, he will be in heaven with us. I'm sure when he got to heaven, Isaiah probably gave Manasseh a noogie, saying, 'Why did you do that?'

After service, several people recounted their own stories of repentance. Fred Ambriz has seen his life change since he got involved with the church."I used to have a lot of anger. I would yell at my kids. But through prayer this has dissipated. I don't know how it happened chemically, but God changed me. I'm now free to be honest with myself and to have a genuine joy in life," said Ambriz, an usher at the church. "When I am fellowshipping here, I feel closer to God. I see Christ in other people here."

"My faith has turned my life around. I was living a life of reckless drinking and smoking. There were mornings I would wake up at home and not know how I got there," said John Chisum, who has attended Calvary for 14 years. Everything changed for Chisum when he asked God to reveal himself. Several

days later, a friend invited him to church. It was the sign Chisum needed to accept Christ. "I've gone from a dark, depressing, and empty life to one with purpose. Jesus filled a void in my heart." Chisum said his desires for cigarettes and alcohol are gone. "I don't think it's a sin to smoke or drink; I just don't think it is beneficial for a Christian. As our pastor says, 'Smoking won't send you to hell; it will just make you smell like you've been there."

Newberry spoke about life after death in his sermon. "God has appointed a time for you to die, and after that comes judgment," said Newberry. "As Christians, Jesus was already judged in our place. He who does not believe in Jesus will face the wrath of God. That is why people are afraid to die. After death, there is no purgatory and there are no second chances. If you don't get this right, you are going to be damned for eternity. This is not a game."

— Drew E. Goodmanson

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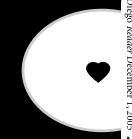


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-EVE KELLY

The Kelly household owns an abundance of inherited holiday decorations. When hubby Patrick's parents downsized into their beachfront condo, the box marked "Holiday Cheer" was placed in our care. For the past ten years, on the first of December, I've dragged the box out of the garage, plopped it on the dining room table, and started decorating. I've never

been too fond of the stuff. It's a bit mid-20th-century suburbia blinking-nose Rudolph centerpiece, cheap glass candy cane vase, and red-cheeked carolers made of porcelain. The sights of his childhood Christmases made Patrick happy. But

when I dragged the old box out this year, he took a look at the stuff and said, "We've got to get some new decorations for next Christmas." So last week I made phone calls. I wanted decorating ideas, something beyond pinecones and fir boughs.

"Christmas decorating is as personal and distinct as a person's taste," Kate Guynan, owner of Fleurish Floral Design (619-750-1868) told me. "Someone who is more subdued probably goes with more natural colors, not the traditional red and green of Christmas. So you could use dogwood branches, which have a reddish hue, a more organic look. Take red orchids, very elegant, and add reddish dogwood branches, which gives the whole piece a wintry look.

Flowers that you don't normally think of as Christmas-y," she continued, "like tulips, amaryllis, even roses, can be used in holiday arrangements. By blending textures, the soft texture of the flower with stark wintry branches, or smooth berries, the display takes on a winter seasonal element."

For a fresh look to garlands, Guynan suggested, "don't go with the traditional ivy or pine boughs. Use magnolias or eucalyptus. Magnolia garlands are gorgeous. The leaf is a beautiful dark green on top and the underside is bronze. Use traditional accents. Add iced berries, poinsettias, glittered fruit, or seed balls and add them to the garland. Use something that isn't traditional greenery, but bring in traditional accents. You are still using the

seasonal staple, just not in the traditional way."

I asked Guynan about alternatives to the ubiquitous red and green. "Browns are one of the trends this season," she "The answered. chocolates and mochas by themselves might seem drab, but added to traditional

 $holiday\,colors, reds\,and\,golds, the\,browns\,take$ on a warmth. You are taking the traditional holiday colors and tweaking them to give a bolder, more dramatic effect. I'm also seeing a lot of bright blues, near turquoise, and almost neon greens, which you can bring in the browns with as well. It gives a modern look."

Guynan added, "In the past few years holiday decorating has been clean, simple, less is more. This year it seems it is the season of excess: a lot of glitter, a lot of sparkle, an abundance

I'm not sure Patrick would go for a house

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full of glitter. "Do it on a small scale," replied Guynan, "maybe a forest of tinsel trees a footand-a-half high on your mantel. Take a Styrofoam tree form, wrap it in tinsel garland, and add clusters of berries and lights. You will be using the traditional element of Christmas, the tinsel, and using it in a different way."

Leanne Michael, owner and creative director of Bella Fiore (858-759-6100), suggested making the decorations match our surroundings. "What drives our influence in the homes we decorate is usually one of two things," she explained. "Either we go with the color palette and the theme of the home or we will sit down and figure out a theme with the client, whether it be an antiquetoy theme, a bird theme, or a fruit theme. It depends what the influence is in the home, or if it is a child-driven holiday event. In the homes that we do, we usually do more than one tree.

So the family room usually gets a tree that is geared toward the

children, and the living room tree or the foyer tree is the statement area, and that is more of the grand Christmas tree — about 15 feet high. And those trees are usually done to match the color palette of the home, which is quite beautiful because it gets away from the traditional red and green

"We've done some of the prettiest color themes this year. We did a beautiful peacock palette of blues and greens, silvery golds, bronzes; it's absolutely beautiful. And then we are doing another tree this year that's all old-world Spain with the matte sapphire blues, matte garnet reds, and antique gold, and we're using religious matter, including beautiful crosses. My favorite color palette is deep red and copper. That color palette is phenomenal. It's bright, very strong, and it usually goes with everybody's homes. It's one of those color palettes that takes your breath away.

and gold.

"One of my favorite themes is the antiquetoy theme. I have three clients that we do that look for, and throughout the year I shop antique stores looking for old toys. We actually put the toys in the tree; we hang them from the ceiling and make little vignettes throughout the house with them.'

"Last year we did a beautiful tree for a home that was filled with boys. The woman of the house wanted to have a lovely theme for her as well; she didn't want it just to be a masculine Christmas. So we used this beautiful flannel ribbon that had a little bit of metallic thread going through it. You had this great plaid flannel ribbon on the tree and then we put cabbage roses, crab apples, birds, and lots of wood. We used beautiful wood branches in the tree so that it had a rustic masculine feel to it, but it still appealed to a feminine side as well."

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### FOOTBALL FOLLIES

by Josh Board

was invited to a tailgate party a few weeks ago in the parking lot of Qualcomm Stadium. Although the choice of tailgate food wouldn't have been mine — sushi — they had everything else covered, including flat-screen TVs showing all the Sunday games and flatbed trucks with hot tubs. But the thought of fighting traffic before a Chargers game kept me from going.

Earlier in the season, I went to a few football parties at people's homes. The first was at Chris's apartment in Mission Valley. It was for the Chargers-Raiders game, and Chris and his friends were all Chargers fans. I wouldn't be so lucky at the next party.

I thought one guy was secretly rooting for the Raiders. He got excited when Raider QB Kerry Collins completed a pass. It turns out he has him on his fantasy football team, as do I. He asked how I can root against the Raiders with Collins as my fantasy quarterback. I said, "I want the Chargers to win, 50 to 40, with Collins getting me 40 points."

Chris's coffee table was filled with snacks, and I took a handful of M&Ms. Someone noticed that I had a lot of red ones in my hand and men-



tioned how years ago they didn't make red ones because the dye was thought to be dangerous.

On the kitchen table were bowls of chips and dips. I met Chris's girlfriend's father — a longtime Chargers fan — sitting there. It was interesting talking with him about the old Chargers teams.

Chris prepared taquitos and turkey hot dogs. One guy thought turkey hot dogs these is still made from evil cows, though!"

Chris is Greek and poured us Greek wine, which had a sweet taste. There was also *a* lot of beer — this was the second party I've been to where

couldn't come to a conclusion on was why Mike Anderson has his full name on the back of his iersev.

I looked around the room to see if everyone had a good view of the TV. I noticed one lady on the couch who didn't care. She was reading a women's magazine during the game. She occasionally pointed something out to her husband from the glossy pages.

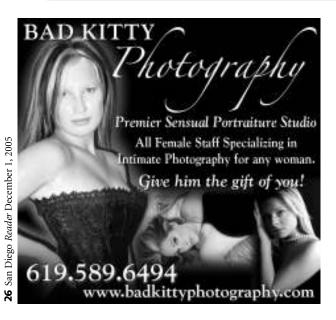
One couple told me about their honeymoon in France. They saw rapper 50 Cent on a train. The woman told me his "people" picked her up and moved her out of the way as he was walking by. Her husband went into the next car to get a look at him, but 50 Cent was surrounded by his posse. The couple should've told 50 Cent they were on their honeymoon. When singer P.J. Harvey played at the Belly Up Tavern, one couple showed up straight from their wedding — in tuxedo and wedding dress — and got her autograph.

When the game had ended, I went to another football party in Chula Vista. I was told that they'd still be partying after the Chargers-Raiders game and then watching a night game on ESPN. I walked in and saw all silver and black jerseys. I introduced myself to the host, who was friendly, but a guy in a Raiders jersey commented on my Chargers cap. "The Chargers suck, man!" I laughed and said, "Well, they beat the Raiders by 13 points, so I guess the Raiders suck more." One person laughed, but the rest of the Raiders fans just looked at me. After a minute of uncomfortable silence, the guy continued, "Your team couldn't even beat Dallas, man." I didn't know what was more amusing, him saying "your team," as if I was a linebacker on the Chargers, or ending another sentence with "man." "The Raiders don't have

# "The cheese on these is still made from evil cows, though!"

sounded gross. I told him that the Hot Dog on a Stick franchise revealed that they had switched all their hot dogs to turkey and nobody noticed. A guy who reminded me of Jack Black said, "The cheese on beer was given to people as they were *leaving* the party.

The Chargers were winning so everyone was in good spirits. But the usual debates came up: Instant replay? Is Marty a good coach? Another thing we





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a good record," I replied, "so it's weird for you to diss other teams. I'm a Chargers fan because I was born and raised here. Are you from Oakland?" He said, "National City, man. Are you gonna start talking shit about that next?" I then laughed and said, "The only one talking shit is you! I'm responding to your statements." He got in my face and asked, "Want to take this outside?" The host jumped in and told him to chill. I could smell the beer on the quy's breath as he said, "I'll knock your ass out."

He left a few minutes later carrying a beer. The others told me not to worry about him. One guy said, "Homeboy takes the games way too seriously. It's not like he lost money on it or anything. It's all good." Another person added, "Every time he drinks, it's the same thing. No more forties for him."

We all ended up talking football and getting along, and after a few hours I left. As I walked down the sidewalk, I saw the angry Raiders fan waiting for me as he sipped his beer. I didn't want to turn around and go back to the house, and I didn't want to stop walking and have him think I was scared (even though I was). I pulled my cell phone out and looked at it while I tried to decide what to do. I thought about dialing 911.

The guy surprised me when he said, "Hey, it's cool, man. I was pissed at the Raiders, not you." I told him I wasn't a hardcore Charger fan. "That's good," he said, "because they suck." I thought we were going to get back into the same argument, so I changed the subject. "Kerry

Collins is my fantasy quarterback, so I actually want the Raiders to do well." He said, "What? You have fantasies about a quarterback? I bet you wish you were bent in front of him hiking the ball."

I laughed and drove off, hoping bullets wouldn't come flying through my rear window. ■

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### **Drink, Drink, Drink!**

Silly is you in a natural state, and serious is something you have to do until you can get silly again.

- Mike Myers

on't do it," I warned. "Don't do what?"

"Don't play dumb with me, Jen. I'm asking - no, I'm telling you, don't even think about it." I rested two of my fingers on my sister's cheek to steady my hand and, in small,

Ever since I first did her makeup ten years ago, Jenny has been unable to repress her urge to lick whichever part of my hand comes within her tongue's reach.

careful strokes, I applied a shimmery copper liquid liner to her closed eyes.

"It's so hard," she whispered into my left hand, which was cupping her chin to keep her head still.

"Don't you dare," I said, aware of how much like my mother I sounded. Jenny behaved for as long as it took to finish her eyes. I rummaged through my makeup bag and retrieved a natural-toned lip liner. Again I held her chin with my left hand. Before I had time to react, Jenny gave in to her overwhelming impulse and her tongue darted out of her mouth and touched

"EEWWW!" I wiped my licked patch of skin furiously against my pants. "God, I hate it when you do that! Why do you always have to do that?!" Ever since I first did her makeup ten years ago, Jenny has been unable to repress her urge to lick whichever part of my hand comes within her tongue's reach. I leaned in to finish the job. "I swear to God, if you lick me one more time I'm going to slap you, I won't be able to stop myself." Jenny giggled through closed lips. "You little freak," I muttered, before giving in to my own fit of giggles. "Here, go put this on your lips and then we should get going." I handed her a translucent gloss from my Juicy Tubes collection.

Jenny returned to my office and, as she stood in the doorway, I took a moment to appreciate how beautiful she looked. Her blonde hair was

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clipped up and out of her face and the dark olive shirt she wore brought out the rich green in her eyes. I'd always thought of my sister as a little girl, but standing before me was a striking 26year-old woman.

"I wasn't thinking we'd leave until ten or so," said Jenny. It was 7:30.

"If I don't get out of the house soon, it will be impossible for me to motivate," I said. Steve, one of Jenny's classmates at Platt College, works at the Blarney Stone in Clairemont. A week before, at Steve's invitation, Jenny went there with our father. She had a great time, so when I agreed to leave David at home on a Friday night and spend the evening with my sister, the Blarney Stone was the obvious choice (especially when compared with our other options in the

We arrived at the Irish pub, tucked neatly at one end of a strip mall. I was introduced to Steve, who was guarding the door. Jenny ordered some kind of beer on draft, I got a glass of the house cabernet, and we staked out a spot in the corner farthest from the entrance.

Sharing the space with our drinks atop the dark wooden cabinet set against the wall was a series of tall golden soccer trophies. Jenny pointed out that Steve had changed posts — he was now guarding the back door, where we could keep him in our sights.

"I'm gonna flip him off," she said. "No, let me, it'll be funnier because he doesn't know me," I suggested.

We made subtle attempts to attract Steve's attention by wiggling our eyebrows and lifting our chins. When that didn't work, we began ges-

ticulating wildly, waving away any confused people who mistook our gestures as an invitation to join us. Finally, Steve looked over at us. I caught his eye, held it, and made a show of slowly lifting my middle finger at him. When he responded with the expected look of shock, Jenny and I burst out laughing. But then Steve's lips curled upward in a sinister smile and he caught the arm of an older gentleman. They shared a few words and Steve pointed in our direction. Jenny's laughter stopped abruptly and she yelled, "Oh no!" and ran over to Steve as the older man walked away.

"This is bad, this is really bad," Jenny said when she returned to my side.

"What's the problem?" I asked.

"That's the singer Steve was just talking to. Tony Cummins!"

"Yeah, so?"

"So? So! So he makes fun of people when he sings, and now Steve has singled us out. It's all my fault. I never should have suggested flip-

"Jen, I still don't understand what the big deal is. It's not like we can't handle a little public razzing."

Jenny's eyes were wide with fear. "He'll command you to 'Drink, shake your ass, put your glass on your head!""

"You don't have to do anything you don't want to do," I said in a soothing voice.

"NO! You don't get it! If he says 'Drink,' you drink your drink. If he says 'Shake your ass,' you shake your ass. You have to!" She was hysterical but I was convinced we could somehow weasel out of audience participation.



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"I know! Don't have a drink. Problem solved.'

"You have to have a drink," whined Jenny.

Startling us, Tony the Irish folk singer popped his head between ours and said, in a lyrical Irish brogue, "I hope you girls are drinking tonight!"

"Shit shit shit!" cried Jenny. A moment later, a sly smile replaced what had been her panic-stricken face. "Don't let the waitress take away this glass," she said in a determined tone of voice, before leaving me in the corner. In a few minutes, she returned with a full glass of beer. I watched as she carefully poured a few sips worth of beer into her first glass. "This will be our chug glass," Jenny said proudly.

Even though we were now prepared for the worst (thanks to my sister's cunning plan), we did not want to be targeted and pressured to "chug" and put an upsidedown glass on our heads. What would everyone think if they turned our way to find a half-Irish lass like myself sipping on red wine instead of gulping a Guinness? As if highlighting our silent worries, Steve directed his flashlight at us, a warning of the teasing spotlight we were silently dreading.

When Tony stepped behind the microphone a hush fell over the crowd in the Blarney Stone, which was now packed. He did not sing alone — the three guys standing next to Jenny and me were obviously regulars, and belted out each word with no small amount of emotion.

"Dad sang along with this one too," Jenny informed me. At the end of the song, Tony pointed out his first victim. He sang his taunts and the crowd chanted along, "Drink, drink! Now put it on your head! Now go to the bar and get another!" How can one say no to a room full of people bellowing the same command? We shrank behind a tall, horsefaced woman and her posse.

"Are you thinking what I'm thinking?" I said, swallowing the rest of my wine.

"Yeah, let's get out of here," said Jenny. We sidestepped a few Marines, some old barflies, and several happy beer drinkers and made our way to the back door, where Steve was standing guard.

"Leaving already?" asked Steve, looking disappointed the way a cat seems bummed when the entertaining mouse finally dies.

"Yeah. I wish I could stav and, you know, chug beer, but it's past my bedtime," I said.

"Remember the old days?" Jenny asked me, reflecting upon all the nights I refused to hang up the party

"You mean when I used to keep cocaine in my bra and offer people 'pep talks' in the bathroom? Yes, I do. But now I'm going through a 'sleep is

really cool' phase, and it's, like, after 10." Jenny laughed and we left the bar, relieved to have escaped the horror of being forced to have "fun."

"I have an idea for our next sisters' night out," I said to Jenny on the way back to Hillcrest.

"Like Nunu's or something?

"Not exactly. I thought we'd head over to Wine Steals, where we can taste a flight of Pinot Noir while we nibble on some cheese. I hear they have a new sommelier who encourages members of the crowd to 'Swish, swirl, and sip!' and sashay around the bar with a bottle on their

"Smartass," said Jenny. ■



















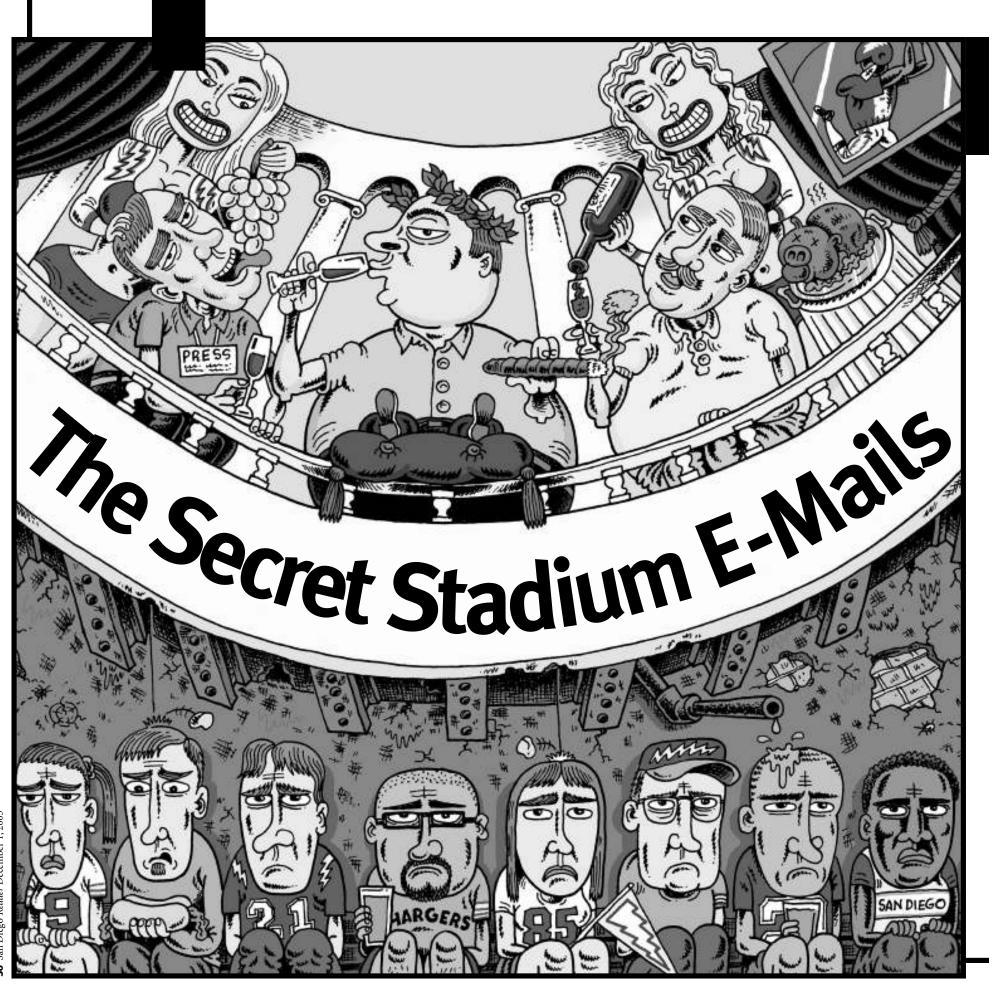






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oor, benighted Qualcomm Stadium. It's been around since 1967 and for its first three decades was one of the city's most popular landmarks. Winner of national architecture awards, the dualuse arena, owned jointly by the City and County, was hailed as a miracle of efficiency and wise public stewardship.



Then came 1995, the year Mayor Susan Golding launched her effort to expand the place to keep the Chargers from leaving town. She bumped the County out of the partnership, and she proposed closing off the open east end and adding 10,500 new seats, ostensibly to provide enough capacity for the NFL to conduct semi-regular Super Bowls here.

After a heated struggle in 1997, Golding

and hotel are built. Pitched by the Spanos family as a dream deal for taxpayers, critics say it would be an obscene giveaway of public assets at a time the City can least afford it.

Spanos and his backers claim it's impossible to renovate the stadium. Editorial writers for the *Union-Tribune*, who have taken to calling Qualcomm "leaky, creaky and crumbling," say that fixing it up isn't an option.

# STADIUM MAINTENANCE PROBLEMS HAVE BEEN RIFE AND STAFFING INADEQUATE.

got her way, avoiding the voters — more than 20,000 of whom had signed petitions to put \$18 million of public financing on the ballot — by selling the naming rights to the stadium. The team promised to stay in town until at least 2020 and accepted a rich, taxpayer-subsidized ticket guarantee for its trouble.

But after only a few years, the Chargers, owned by Stockton developer Alex Spanos, began grumbling again. Baseball's Padres, who had been given their own brand-new downtown ballpark, thanks to a \$300 million public subsidy, moved away in 2004. It wasn't fair, the Chargers said, that they didn't have their own new Taj Mahal.

In December of 2003, Spanos, who was worth \$860 million at the time according to *Forbes*, sued the City in Los Angeles Superior Court, claiming that going without a new stadium in San Diego was causing him "financial hardship." The case was ultimately dropped, and after a long series of backroom wheelings and dealings in the summer of 2004, the city council agreed to let Spanos out of his Golding-era lease.

The new deal gave the team an exit clause after the 2008 season, and Spanos agreed to end his politically disastrous ticket guarantee in exchange for a reduction in his stadium rent of about \$5 million a year.

Since then, the Chargers have come up with a new plan. The team and a development partner would pay for a new stadium, infrastructure, and an urban village of homes, offices, retail shops, and a hotel, says a statement on the team's website. Additionally, the development team would provide almost 30 acres of public parks. In exchange, the City would give the team 60 acres on which it would build and then sell more than 6000 units. The City would retain ownership of the new stadium and the land on which the offices, shops,

Some have wondered if the alleged lack of maintenance has been deliberate on the part of the City, as a way to make construction of a new stadium inevitable. Stadium manager Bill Wilson, who retired in October, says absolutely not, but doubters remain.

To shed some light on the situation, a request was made to the City under the state's Public Records Act for e-mails and other documents pertaining to stadium management.

The records provided show that maintenance problems have been rife and staffing inadequate, but they also suggest that the City has neglected basic fix-ups that would benefit fans in lower-priced seats in favor of high-end patrons and the media.

While the hoi polloi struggled with broken seats and leaky roofs, the records show, members of the media and fat cats in the luxury VIP boxes were treated to new loveseats, high-definition television sets, and a variety of other upgrades.

Besides catering to the rich, the e-mails show, members of the stadium staff are careful not to run afoul of Nick Canepa and Tim Sullivan, sportswriters at the *Union-Tribune* who frequently talk up the need for a new stadium. Meanwhile, accessible seating for the handicapped, which the City agreed to install only after a lawsuit that lasted almost a decade, has been late in coming.

Following is a selection of this year's emails written by Chargers' staff and the City employees who maintain the stadium.

On **MAY 6**, well before the football season began, the city's stadium marketing manager, Mike McSweeney, wrote Charger vice president Ken Derrett about a request to cover up the stadium's advertising signs during a special event to be held in June.

You may have heard through the grapevine

that we are looking at a major private corp event here inside the stadium June 21. Qualcomm, the wireless company is celebrating their 20th Anniversary. It is also the passing of the control of the company from Irwin to his son.

Its a big production. 10,000 people, 84 pc orchestra, Natalie Cole is entertainment. Food and Bev on field.

They are asking/considering several scenearios re: the ring signage inside the stadium. I can't find any references to these in documents here at the stadium. They are:

- 1. Can the signs be covered? I think they are asking that they be covered in a black out type of blanket/cover. I'm guessing this might only be permissable in a religous event. Perhaps they are just not turned on, but left uncovered.
- 2. They are asking if the signs that are in place can be taken out and a special Qualcomm sign replace it. My answer would be no. Too much hassle, potential breakage of the existing signs, goes against the spirit of the contract with the current advertisers. They should be able to reach all attendees in the stadium.

Your thoughts?

Twelve days later, on **MAY 18**, Charger vice president Derrett addressed the situation, sending a stern "no" to Linda Champagne, whom Qualcomm had hired to run its anniversary event:

Linda, In response to your recent email regarding signage at Qualcomm Stadium, this will advise that we have entered into contractual agreements with many marketing partners that provide them with advertising presence at the stadium on a year round basis regardless of the nature of the event. Our inability to deliver their signage at the stadium clearly puts us in breach of their contract and some thing we have never had to experience. The end result could be extremely damaging to the San Diego Chargers from various points of view including legal, relationship and financial. Thus while we have a strong relationship with Qualcomm we find this request very difficult to comply with. If you would like to discuss this matter further please feel free to call me directly.

On **MAY 22**, Derrett returned to advertising banners, this time warning the stadium's marketing manager, Mike McSweeney, that a proposed event with a Hispanic soccer tie-in to Tecate beer was also treading on thin ice because Anheuser-Busch had signage rights in the stadium.

Mike as you can fully appreciate the Tecate event is extremely sensitive because of AB having exclusive signage in the building 365 a year. The Hispanic soccer angle is a great one but competitive beer signage is about as critical as it gets. Happy to talk to the promoter but you may wish to give her heads up. I'm around

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Monday am to talk further — also spoke to Qualcomm's event organizer and explained what you and I had already talk about.

On MAY 25, Steve Wightman, the stadium's turf manager and building-maintenance supervisor, wrote McSweeney and their boss, stadium manager Bill Wilson, about plans to build a *new X-ray room for the* Chargers.

Just had a long conversation with the current Charger X-Ray company who will be bidding on this year's new Charger contract. Since this item (X-Ray) is on the Charger wish list which you both will be discussing with Bruce on Fri, I wanted to let you know what was talked about.

Apparently, the new x-ray technology will be eliminating the need for a darkroom and hazardous chemicals. However, the Chargers want to have an x-ray room conveniently located near the locker room area eliminating the need for the van they had last season that was parked next to Cris Leyco's office in the west tunnel. The room that has been mentioned by the Chargers to this company is the one that was used for the last Super Bowl located next to Rudy's office. That room is currently used by the stadium as storage. Whatever location is decided upon, it would require 220 electrical (a cost that would need to be calculated). Steve

On **MAY 31**,



Charger chief operating officer Jim Steeg wrote the city's stadium manager Bill Wilson, stadium marketing manager Mike McSweeney, and then-

assistant city manager Bruce Herring about what the team expected the city to do in the way of maintenance and stadium upgrades.

Centerplate, referred to in the e-mail, is the company that provides concession services on game day. The e-mail's subject line read: "ACTION ITEMS FOR QUAL-COMM STADIUM FOR 2005 SEASON."

Bruce, I thought I would put together the list of items we discussed last week and the appropriate timing on the follow up to ensure that we are progressing to having the items done by the initial preseason game.

1. wireless internet in the working press area done

2. x-ray equipment in the locker room City will authorize at cost estimated to be \$10000

3. power to Gate C ticket office sign

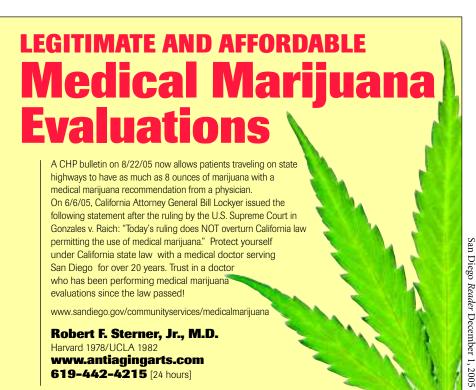
City will proceed, estimated cost of \$1140 4. best locking system replacement on suite doors City will proceed, estimated cost of \$3700 5. obtaining new bicycle racks City will purchase \$4999, Chargers will investigate supplemental purchase 6. repair turnstyles City will investigate and also look to see where others exist 7. new chairs in the press box City has already ordered, estimated cost of \$23000 8. replacement of monitors in working press & announce booth, Chargers will explore with Sony, city will pay up to \$40000

9. JTECH security pager









awaiting survey next week, City will fund reasonable amount 10. reassign endzone films position City will effectuate the demo of NW corner booth

11. reconstruct the 50 yard line film position Chargers will attempt to expand

12. new bar area in loge level endzone
Chargers will investigate feasibility of moving season ticket holders,
Centerplate would be pursued for the cost to build

13. wireless scanners fore parking & ticket gates

awaiting final bid...proposed split with chargers/city

14. Sirius radio installation in press box apparently not feasible 15. Marquee on Friars Road

City will pursue replacement

16. drink rails in club lounges

Chargers and
Centerplate to discuss
17. new barstools in club

lounges Centerplate to pursue 18. trash can in club level

City to address and fix
19. new carpet in premium level and lounges
City to pursue the con-

courses, Centerplate to be asked about the lounges

20. vinyl wall covering in up to 40 suites City to replace at cost of up to \$30000

21. new parking lot signage and color coordination

attempt to get new parking lot vendor to provide

22. restripe parking lot attempt to get new parking lot vendor to provide

23. video wall in working press area to incorporate into plan to replace monitors 24. suite remodels Chargers to pursue with

HOK 25. new furniture for suites

Chargers to provide City with list of needs for barstools (50?) and sofas (20?)

26. suite repairs ongoing City maintenance

27. addition of restrooms in Spanos suite Chargers to handle 28. cleaning, leaks, painting ongoing City mainte-

nance
29. construction remodel of premier suite
City to provide up to 80 chairs (\$165 each),
Chargers to continue buildout, City to assist with permit issue
30. relocation of phone

City/Chargers to find suitable location 31. relocation of Custom Antennae office and storage area
City/Chargers to find suitable location
32. down converter for HD for FOX, ABC and ESPN
City to secure
33. Command booth remodel and expansion
Chargers to remove the wall, and find replacement seats for other

events

As the football season approached, the Chargers' stadium operations manager, Christian Webb, sent a list of maintenance problems to building-maintenance supervisor Steve Wightman. The subject of the JUNE 28 memo was "Suites Stuff"; Webb gave suite addresses and outlined problems with each. Steve — During my

these items to note' P9B — there seems to be a whole chewed (rat?) in one of the ceiling tiles by slider door. Please check P3A & B — door handle sticks, needs adjusting P2A — smells L16B — door threshold leaking Also — can we still get together and discuss steps taken for rusty ceiling tile frames. There are many on press level.

I was hoping to hear that Mac would be doing similar to Tom Ritz in the way of preventative maintenance. Tom does a great job with ice makers, HVAC and fridges.

Would love to have all door handles and hinges checked by Mac.

Thanks On **JULY 12**,

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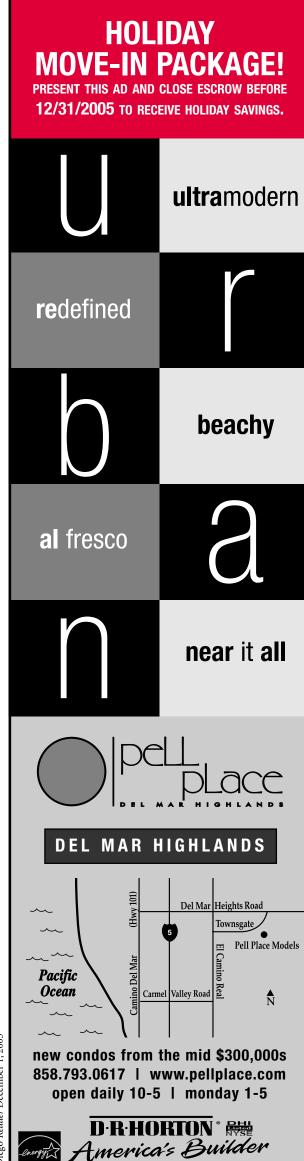
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**BROKERS WELCOME** 

Wightman e-mailed Sean O'Connor, the Chargers' director of marketing and events, with a recap of the team's demands for new furniture for some stadium skyboxes.
Subject: "Charger Upgrades."

Sean — Just wanted to touch base with you about our meeting yesterday with Bruce and Jim relating to the upgrades. In particular, we need to look at getting the new chairs for the Premier Suite ordered since it normally takes 4-6 weeks. I spoke with our Purchasing Dept and if we use the city's existing contracts there's no bidding. I'll get you the companies we have on contract and, hopefully, you can pick style, color, etc out from their catalogs. At \$165 per for 80 chairs that is \$13,200. Let's talk about some of the other items also. Thanks — Steve

The next day,

JULY 13, Wightman
wrote Christian Webb,
the Chargers' stadium
operations manager,
about the progress in
obtaining the new chairs.
Christian,

Spoke with Arenson Office Furniture (co we have on contract) and they do have that chair! I'm initiating the paperwork from our end and it should be submitted before the end of the day to purchasing.

Steve

Not all the e-mails had to do with stadium business. Many times, they dealt with obtaining tickets to coveted games, like this one, dated JULY 27, from Christian Webb to Mike McSweeney, the stadium marketing manager. Subject: "hate to even ask..."

So John Lucas has hit me up for tickets for Friday night. I hate to ask, but do you know if you will have any extra to offer me/him? He is looking for 6, I told him he'd be lucky with 2 or 4.

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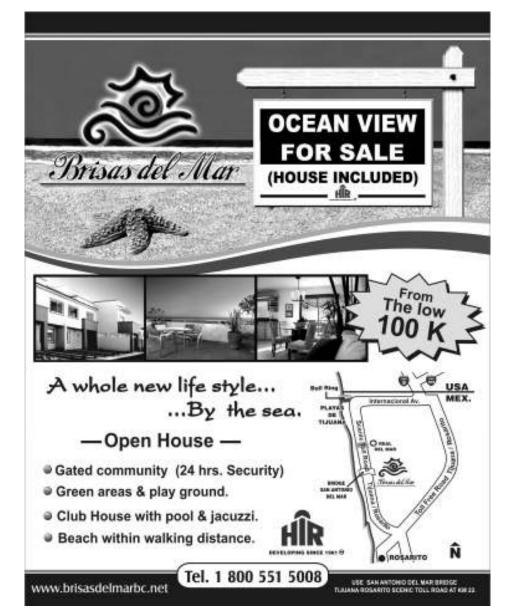
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Thanks. sorry CSW

McSweeney responded soon after.

Let me see what I can do. Happy to do it.

On **JULY 28**, Charger chief operating officer Jim Steeg queried stadium manager Bill Wilson and McSweeney about stadium upgrades.

Can you help me get the list of how the \$500,000 you have allocated to the stadium is being spent?

That same day,
Webb e-mailed
O'Connor and Steeg with
details on "drink rails/
new table tops" for the
stadium's premium club
level. The e-mail refers to
the Americans with
Disabilities Act and to
Centerplate's manager,
Scott Marshall.

Scott Marshall. Attached you should find two (2) quotes for the new drink rails and table tops for the Club Level. Quick summation: Ten (10) new drink rails to be added - 8' \$239.10 each x8 = \$1,912.80labor — \$1,450 brackets for each rail: \$36 per, 4 per table = \$1,440 totalfor drink rails: \$4,802.80 Raising the current table tops to belly-bar height of thirty-seven (37) existing sit-down tables: 26.40 per new shaft to raise tables x 37 =\$976.80 Labor — \$2,950.00 Total for raised belly bars: \$3,926.80 \*ADA will not be affected by these changes as we are leaving current ADA tables the same, as well as current drink rails for them\* Obviously there are some other factors we must look at: City will need to remove and replace carpet swatches where seats are being removed on Club Level. If City will do the labor in installing the drink rails and new shafts that could save some labor costs? Scott Marshall has been inquiring on this as well. Let me know next step

**CSW** 

Later that day, McSweeney, the stadium marketing manager, wrote Bruce Herring in the city manager's office, briefing him on the progress of the drink rails.

Bruce, We finally have an idea as to what exactly the concept is. Between Centerplate, Chargers and us, there were several versions floating out there. Rails on one side only, raised tables-no chairs-no rails etc..After conferring today, it is finally
1. Raise the 36 tables to bar height. Excepting
ADA designated tables
2. Take out all bolted chairs.

3. Install 11 8' drink rails on both sides of concourse. Placement of bars is Centerplate and stadium responsibility. (Centerplate recommends we go with 6' vs. 8' rails as they will be easier to place.

3. Stadium repatches carpet holes. (Jehovah Witnesses will perform

the work, we have carpet in stock)

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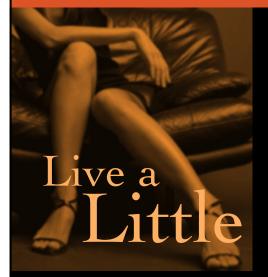
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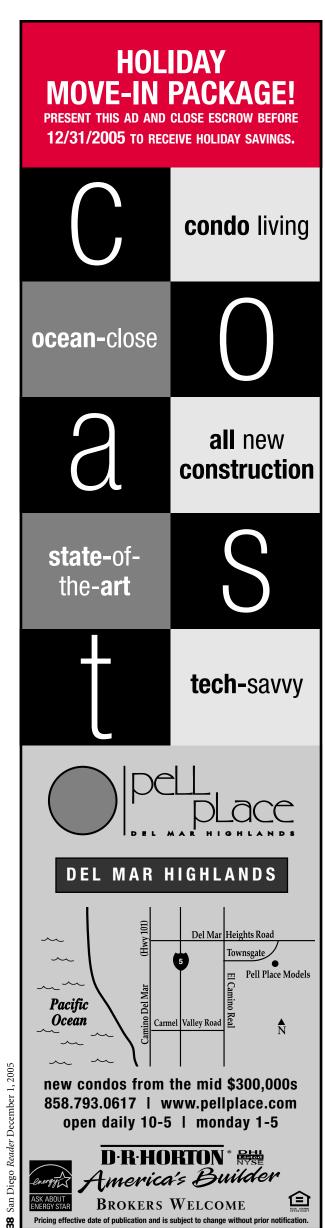
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About a week later, on **AUGUST 4**, McSweeney, the stadium marketing manager, e-mailed the Chargers' Sean O'Connor and cc'd Christian Webb and Jim Steeg with details about who would pay for what.

Moving this off center ground. Commercial Sales Bid: 4400 Edgemold 1678 Total: \$6078

Chargers buy, Commercial does the labor. City reimburses Chargers \$6078. Christian coorndinates.

(Sorry Christian) Good to go?

Mike

The same day, Charger chief operating officer Jim Steeg replied, alluding to the fact that assistant city manager Bruce Herring, who has since resigned, did not want the city to write a check directly to the Chargers. Subject: "Drink Rails."

I thought bruce was trying to avoid a check to us ... Will do if that is the way to go, but want to make sure that is what bruce wanted ...

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On AUGUST 16,

Cecilia San Pedro, an employee of the city auditor's office, wrote Steve Wightman, the stadium building-maintenance supervisor, with a question about an order for loveseats.

Hi Steve,

Can you please let me know what these chairs are for? Thanks.

Wightman respond*ed the same day:* 

Hi Cecilia,

I'm not sure exactly what you're referring





I apologize for not providing any details. I have a PO for approval to purchase 20 Houston Blue Lovseats from Mor Furniture, and you were listed as the contact person. Are these for the Suites? What do we do with the old ones? Thanks.

I believe you're

**Charger Executive Suites** 

"loveseats" or couches.

The Suites each have a

barstools, tvs, refrigera-

rooms, sinks and coun-

tors, ice makers, bath-

tertops that all have a

glass doors that go to

field view separated by

outside seating. The sta-

dium (city) is responsi-

ble for maintenance, repairs and refurbish-

ment of everything

those suites.

inside and outside of

If it's chairs that

you're referring to, then it could be the 200

chairs for the pressbox

chairs for the Charger

not any of these items.

Let me know if it's

San Pedro responded

the next day, **AUGUST 17**: Good Morning

or the 80 executive

Suite renovation.

carpeted area with

loveseats, chairs,

referring to the 113

that each have

Wightman came back about an hour later: Cecilia,

Yes, those are for the suites. The old ones we use for the security, ushers and parking personnel offices and sign-in areas here at the stadium. Basically, we move the old tattered, ripped and broken ones from the vip suites to the operational areas if they can be used at all. Thanks...Steve

#### On AUGUST 19,

Charger honcho Steeg complained to stadium manager Wilson about Padres signs around the stadium. His e-mail was headlined "A real stupid question."

Why does every "how to get to your seat" sign have padres





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information that does not even exist anymore? It is really embarrassing and appears that no one ever walks the building...think you have liability issues as it has misinformation on the signage...would make mike aguirre cringe

On AUGUST 20, the day before the Chargers played the Saint Louis Rams in the first preseason game at Qualcomm Stadium, Steeg e-mailed Wilson, who was planning to retire in October. Subject: "Extremely disappointed."

I am coming to understand that I must lower my expectations as to what is acceptable at Qualcomm Stadium. I just walked the building and came away totally unimpressed, if not embarrassed fro everyone that will claim they work there. It seems that there is no concerted effort to strive for excellence. The building not only has things that look sloppy (which I do not understand since it has been unoccupied since January), dirty, not up to date, but projects that were green lighted in March are no where near completion. It seems that if our contractors and the Centerplate contractors were not doing things that are not their responsibilities that the building would be a total embarrassment. It seems to me that on your last days in this facility that you would want it to "shine". I can not believe that you want your last games to be remembered with this legacy.

I gave everyone one game to see what they believed to be their standards, and now understand that the pride is just not there. I am going to write you Monday on everything that is wrong. If you can not complete then we will have to hire outside firms and bill the city to

complete the projects.

You took offense to the letter I wrote Bruce and now I take offense to the quality of the work done in the building. I thought you might use that letter as motivation to prove me wrong.

The last game was in January ... no longer can the excuse of not enough staff be used — I figure that there have been over 160 working days between games, with 22 staff that is over 3500 days of work.

We are not going to accept half efforts, this is not going to be the same old, same old!

On AUGUST 22, the day following the game, Wilson responded.

I agree with most of what you say. Think it is

time for you and I to sit down with Steve Wightman and hear what we have to deal with. This will not be an "excuse session" but just the facts.

On AUGUST 24, Charger chief operating

officer Steeg was back at stadium manager Wilson with more complaints. Subject: "Stadium issues from 8/21."

Bill,

I have attempted to compile a list of the concerns that I saw and



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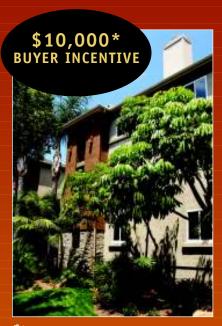
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those that were communicated to me during and immediately following the game against the St. Louis Rams.

This is a summary of the immediate concerns that we have to prepare for the game on September 1 and is not an all encompassing list. It also does not address the long term maintenance issues that exist.

I am traveling tomorrow and Friday, but would recommend that you talk this over with your staff and then we can meet Monday morning to discuss these in detail.

Jim Wilson e-mailed back on AUGUST 25.

Jim,

On Monday I am taking an all day physical, however Tues. is completely open, I have discussed the list with Steve Wightman and we will get to all the Major operational issues that we can. Some items take time, like ordering goal post pads.

The comment about the field puzzles me. There was some thatch that came up from the 3 hour scrimmage the day before, but it played exceptionally well. We will have to resod it but probably not before the 4 High School games. (Dec. 13th.).

Send Steve Wightman an email or call him about a time to meet Tuesday. We'll be there.

On AUGUST 28,

Centerplate manager Scott Marshall e-mailed Christian Webb, the Chargers' stadium operations manager, about the condition of television sets in the premium club

Hi Christian,

We tested all the televisions on the Club Level today, the following is a list of televisions that are not operational and need repair:



1. Club 21 Concourse (Large TV) 2. Club 30 Lounge (third from right around the room when facing into lounge).

3. Club 33 Concourse 4. Club 35 Concourse

5. Club 36 Concourse

6. Club 37 Concourse We have marked the ones that need to be

fixed with a white repair notice. I'm not sure who jurisdiction this falls in, so I thought I start with you!

> Thanks! Scott

On AUGUST 31, the *day before the Chargers* played the San Francisco 49ers, television sets were at the top of stadium

manager Bill Wilson's list. In an e-mail to the Chargers' Jim Steeg entitled "Press TV's," Wilson worried that Union-Tribune *sports writers* Nick Canepa and Tim Sullivan might complain about the new press room TVs being too small for their taste.

Jim,

Just a heads up. In my travels today I noticed the new flat screen 27" TV's in the press box. My guess is Canepa and Sullivan are going to sound on the size. They are used to those big babies that we are keeping in storage in case you decide to reinstall them.

In general the place looks pretty good. We will be painting Guest Services next week in time for the opener. A lot of TV work needs to be done and there is only one guy (who is busy installing the new stuff on the press level).

At 11:07 p.m. on

**SEPTEMBER 1**, after the Chargers game against the San Francisco 49ers, Charger guest services director David Anderson reported yet more television troubles to Chargers senior director of ticket sales and service Todd Poulsen. This time the problem was in the luxury suites, where the most exclusive stadium seats are located.

Todd, I was called up to 2 suites in regards to the condition of their televisions. They were both very upset with our response to their situation. In Press 61A, both of their outside televisions have been broken since last year. One of them doesn't even turn on. In Loge 39B, the one outside television has also been broken since last year. Needless to say, they are not happy. What can we do to rectify this problem? They are both expecting resolutions before the Dallas game. Thanks DA

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On SEPTEMBER 2, another game-day issue arose. Chargers staffer Amy Schreiber wrote Poulsen and vice president Ken Derrett about break-ins at some skyboxes. The e-mail was headlined "Serious Issues with Suites Yesterday." Somebody, it seemed, was stealing food and beer.

There a couple of very serious issues with suite yesterday. 1. Press 1A (Tarrah Asphalt) & L30A (Attilatek) both had their refrigerators stocked after the St. Louis game and when they arrived yesterday everything was gone. We checked with

toried their items and they did indeed have it in there so sometime between St. Louis and San Francisco someone came in and took their beer, water and soda out of the fridge. Both were very upset and at least L30A would like an explanation of what happened and wants someone held accountable. 2. I found out this morning that someone entered Mesa Distributing Suite sometime between an hour before the game and kick-off and basically "looted" them. See email

Centerplate who inven-

below. My staff is up there to prevent this from happening but we don't have enough people for someone to be stationed in front of one or two suites and check tickets \* they are roaming.

"This is to follow up on my voicemail to both of you on the incident that occurred in Mesa's Skybox (Loge 36A) last night. When the retailer that was given access to yesterday's box arrived about half an hour prior to kick off, he found that all but one soda had been drank and that half of the hot dog bar was either on the floor of the





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suite or had been eaten. The retailer was forced to pay out of pocket for additional food and drink. Also, one of our draft guys went into the suite to check on it about an hour before the game and it was fine, so that gives us an idea of when this occurred. Please advise on how we can avoid this security breech from happening in the future."

Please advise!
Responding to the reports of theft, stadium manager Bill Wilson fired off an e-mail to Jim Steeg



the same day.

This has been a long standing problerm over the years. Many eons ago we kelp the Sky Boxes closed until the holder showed up. If anything was then stolen it was because they left the box after the game and left the door open. To eleminate the accusation that the clean up people were the culprits we just spent a considerable sum to re-key all the locks. None of our people have a key to the luxury suites. In these two cases it looks like roaming theives who came in with tickets. There is a lot of migra-

tion after the games (I

have seen it in Center Plate's suite). This is a serious security issue that must be addressed.

Steeg demanded action.

Can we put a police presence there for a few games? Have them roam and challenge? Arresting and jailing one person will end it

Wilson agreed and then went on to cast suspicion on Centerplate workers.

Police in uniform will prevent thefts. If you want to catch the bastards I recommend Elite in soft clothes, blending in with the fans. They (the thieves) are probably trying doors. Of course it could be the Center Plate people also. We have caught them in the past.

On **SEPTEMBER 4**, the day after the SDSU Aztec game against the UCLA Bruins, Jim Steeg was back complaining to Bill Wilson about TVs. Subject: "Well...strike 18"

One of the last points of emphasis to our TV group and Valdez in particular...the preident of SDSU and the new AD were using the Spanos box for the game vs UCLA, so the TV's need to be right for that...well what do we get? There is no direct feed from the truck so they have to watch ESPN 2 which is on a 5 second delay plus has the USC game on prior to SDSU.... What do they get ....the USC game well into the 1st quarter and then the delay on the TV. As they say you only have one time to make a first impression. Certainly impressive for donors!

I assume that the university is now as livid as we are.

To give another the sports council box got nothing at all unless you consider that FOX6 came in with the UCLA radio broadcast as the sound, seinfeld is great with the UCLA radio. Tuesday is a big day!

The same day, Steve Wightman, the build-ing-maintenance supervisor, told stadium manager Bill Wilson and stadium marketing manager Mike McSweeney about a rowdy fan who got out of control at the Aztec game due to lack of security.

of security.

The security guard (Paul), a City Events employee whose post is inside the East Tunnel before and during the game, does a great job...is very conscience. During the early part of the 3rd Qtr a drunk got from the E-ADA elevators out the side door and into the East Tunnel









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where he was challenged by Paul. The guy decked Paul and left up the tunnel to the parking lot. Paul went down and got the groundcrew who then called security and asked them to bring PD. After a lengthy time a security guard showed up without PD and talked to Paul. The other guard then went up to the lot where the guy was and began talking to him...don't know what happened after that I think the point is, that SDSU needs to have 3 guards in this area on large-crowd games (1 guard at bottom of E-ADA elevators, 1 guard at top of E-Tunnel and 1 guard at bottom of E-Tunnel). Paul does not have a radio either which I think would help.

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supervisor Steve Wightman gave the news to his boss, Wilson. Subject: "Charger Logos."

Bill — Sean has talked to Bill Gibbs and wants San Diego in W endzone and Chargers in E endzone along with a larger bolt in the center and 2 opening day logos as per NFL. He hasn't talked to me and I'm assuming he hasn't talked to you either. What do you want to do?

Steve

The same day, Wilson e-mailed Charger chief operating officer Jim Steeg:

putes of the season erupted between the city and the Chargers when the team demanded that the word "Chargers" and the team's logos be emblazoned on the stadium turf, in violation of previous custom. Building-maintenance

at our last meeting to put a Charger Helmet in the center (will cover up the Aztec logo nicely), two opening day logos at the 20's and San Diego in both end zones. If we

I thoughjt we agreed

didn't have three tenants in the Stadium it would be no problem to put Chargers in one end zone, however it will be impossible to cover and repaint something else in the Charger end zone for Aztec (particularly the

three back to back games) and for the Holiday Bowl and Pointsettia Bowl games. Additionally we don't have time to resod and repaint that Charger end zone for any of the afore mentioned events. Also it

would be apprectiate if these requests would come through our supervisors and not at the level of execution.

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Subject: "Field Decorations."

Jim,

I implore you to reconsider your decision to paint Chargers in the East End Zone because of the negative impact it will have, not only on the playing surface but the ill-will it may create with the Aztecs and the Holiday Bowl.

There are five Aztec games (3 back to back) and two Bowl games that will be affected. There is no way for our three man crew to overlay any Aztec or Holiday Bowl decorations which they may request especially for the back to back games.

Over the years all of our Tenants have somewhat-happily coexisted with San Diego in both end zones, with the use of a little different background color to the block SAN DIEGO. I realize Dean and Sean

have wanted Chargers in the end zone and we will be more than happy to resod the entire end zone or both for any and all post season games and paint CHARGERS in one or both end zones.

When Steve talks about resodding it is usually done between the numbers. We have never had to resod an entire end zone. It looks like we will be resodding at least twice this season down the middle and I have asked Steve to go a little wider after observing the extensive wear from the 4 championship High School games.

This morning Bill Gibbs told me the Aztec logo will be gone by Sunday and he would rather paint the Lightning Bolt in the Center. I'm O.K. with that, what say you? We will also paint the opening day logos on the

Let me know if you can go with the San Diego until the end of the season and I promise the end zones will look good.

Thanks.

Apparently, it was all too much for Steeg, who fired back at Wilson 21 minutes later:

Something has to be done to change the attitude and this is very important to us. I am so depressed about the facility and the work ethic, all I get is excuses and statements that issues "magically" occur. When we "loan" suite to sdsu the carpet gets trashed ... Somebody PLEASE show me that they care! Wouldn't it have been refreshing if sdsu offered to clean the carpet?

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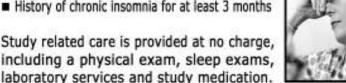
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games and will probably draw less than 20000 for each of the remaining games. The rent sdsu pays is ??, ours is \$2.5+ million, correct? Have they contributed anything to upgrade the stadium this year? Just tell me where they have spent any money to make things better. Tell me how tenants coexist in giants stadium — let's look at other stadium fields — metrodome, superdome, foxboro, arizona, Pittsburgh all these have tenants including college teams playing with the nfl team ... Now as far as the holiday bowl, how is it solves in tampa, miami, Jacksonville, new orleans, atlanta, houston, phoenix, detroit —

all have bowl games and nfl teams, how do these handle the issue?

Bill I have always been a compromiser, but I feel that we always get pushed around to help everyone else ... Someone needs to step up and help us. I cave on this and what do we get in return? Does the holiday and poinsetta bowls recant on their advertising conflicts? Does sdsu spend money to improve the stadium? Do they even complain about things that are wrong, or do we carry that and always look like the bad guy? Give me something to respond

Wilson's follow-up 27 minutes later attempted to soothe Steeg by talking



about support for a new stadium.

Jim, I empathize with your frustration. I share it. I know you see it as caving but somewhere down the line I see the Aztecs, The International Sports Council and the Holiday Bowl Committee and myself as allies in your quest for a new facility.

All the Stadiums you mentioned that share fields have artificial turf. When Arizona State and the Cardinals repainted their endzones every game it looked horrible (according to Steve Wightman they used a crew of twelve or fourteen).

Tell us what you want for this game and we'll do it.

On **SEPTEMBER 9**, Abby Silverman, a Chargers lawyer, e-mailed deputy city attorney Eugene Gordon to complain that the City had still not complied

with the terms of a court settlement requiring that the stadium be retrofitted with seating for the disabled. Subject: "Wheel chair/temporary seating."

I never heard from you in response to my August 19 letter regarding the number of wheelchair spaces which have been drilled to accommodate temporary seats. I understand that little or no progress has been made since that date.

As you know this season, most games are sold out. Therefore, Mike Dougherty has no ability to provide seats for people who have purchased wheel chair spaces but do not have a wheel chair. As stated before, we cannot pre-

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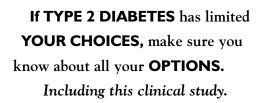
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dict which of the wheel chair spaces will need to be converted for any given game and therefore need to have all the spaces able to accommodate one of the 40 temporary seats which should be available. Can you tell us how and when the City plans to comply with Judge Papas' May 3, 2005 order?

Thanks, Abby Gordon responded on SEPTEMBER 13.

Abby, my apologies for the delayed response. My understanding is that the City has done the necessary work to accommodate 40 temporary seats. I am trying to verify with Mike McSweeney.

On SEPTEMBER 14,

Jeff Schemmel of San Diego State weighed in with stadium manager Bill Wilson on the Chargers' demand to paint the field with their logos. Subject: "End Zones at Qualcomm Stadium."

Bill,

This email is to remind you and to put SDSU on record regarding the end zones at Qualcomm for our remaining five home games.

As we have discussed, our expectation is that, at the very least, there will be no "Chargers" in either end zone for our games. To have that is inappropriate for SDSU, your other major tenant, and certainly not consistent

with the intent of our agreement or the expectation of the parties. The intent of our agreement is simply to have six Saturdays each year devoted to the Aztecs. That includes field markings.

I want to remind you that I have suggested washable paint that has been used at other stadiums, paint that is a mixture of chalk and water and that can simply be removed with water and a hose. I know this worked at the old Met Stadium in Minneapolis, where the Vikings and Twins shared a field for years. And I suspect the technology is much better today than then.

We pledge to do

anything and everything to make this work, and to support both you and the Chargers in every way we can that is mutually beneficial.

Jeff, I am copying you on this, and asking you to distribute to fellow Board members, as I do not have their email addresses. Jim, I am copying you so that we can continue our mutual dialogue on how we can all improve our situations.

Thanks very much. I look forward to working with you to make this work. Jeff

On SEPTEMBER 19, Wilson attempted to assuage Schemmel.

Hi Jeff, Both end zones will say SAN DIEGO for the remainder of your games. There will be no logo in the center of the field for your San Jose State game due to the back to back situation.

Looking ahead on the calendar we will be able to paint your end zones black for the BYU game on October 1st. and for the New Mexico game.

We will also evaluate mid field for these games to see if there is enough grass to handle your logo.

One of the big problems we are experiencing is all the extra practice (this Friday it's San Jose State, the Aztecs and then the Chargers followed by the Sky Show practice on the field. George

Thoma used to say "You can't grow grass on a freeway". We will have to re-sod the middle of the field twice this season and that basicly is due to all the traffic.

Hope you understand.

Thanks for your suggestion on washable paint. We have tried three different washable paints. They work really well on artificial surfaces but on a grass field that is heavily used and played on the next day they proved to be a disaster. The turf is wet and tears up quickly during the second game. We make it a practice not to water after Wednesday for a Saturday game.

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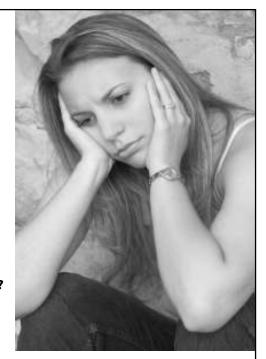
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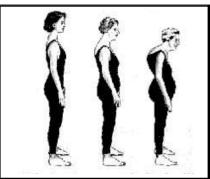
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# Attention: Postmenopausal Women Needed For Research Study

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- Between the ages of 45-75

If interested in learning more, please call Mon-Fri at:

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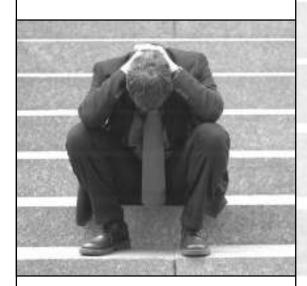
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Problems with excessive bleeding during your menstrual cycle are one of the main causes of **iron deficiency anemia** in women. Sufferers often complain of:

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Feeling weak

Pale skin
Feeling tired
Shortness
of breath

If you have had any of these problems associated with heavy periods within the last 6 months you may be eligible to participate in a research study of an investigational drug to treat **iron deficiency anemia** caused by heavy uterine bleeding.

For more information, please call:

Dr. Steven Drosman

Genesis Center for Clinical Research
619-491-0490

playing surface and it's not because we don't care, however I have not seen anyone slip this year. Now that we have overseeded with rye (to green up the worn middle), longer cleats will help prevent slipping but a lot of players insist on using the short moulded cleats and then compounding the problem by taping wads of tape under and around their shoes and ankles. I have seen some disasterous results with some great running back slipping and falling. The instance that immediately comes to mind is the first half of our first Super Bowl when the Redskin players, after slipping and sliding all over the field, came back with long cleats in the second half and literally blew out the Denver Broncos. The Broncos made no shoe changes and continued to slip their way to a losing Super Bowl.

On **SEPTEMBER 21**, Charger stadium operations manager Christian Webb wrote Charger chief operating officer Jim Steeg and Charger director of marketing and events Sean O'Connor complaining that the city had stopped paying for the Chargers' X-ray services. Subject: "x-ray headache."

Guys — here is the latest headache with the X-Ray room...

The City is not paying for the monthly service charge for the company to come and take care of the chemicals, screens, etc...

On average, per month, the total cost will be around \$100. They (the X-ray Company) will NOT come out this Friday to

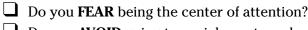
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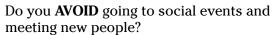
# ARE YOU TOO SHY?





Do you get very **NERVOUS** around people?







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To receive more information, call **1-877-UCSD-SHY** (1-877-827-3749) Or visit: **www.veryshy.com** 

# Muscle Pain in the Neck, Shoulders, Upper Back?

A new investigational medication for Myofascial Trigger Points (also called "muscle knots" and "neck tension myalgia")

To participate in this research study of a new investigational drug injected directly into muscle trigger points, you must:

- Have muscle pain for at least six months, but less than 5 years
  - Be between the ages of 18 and 65
- Be available to return once a month for 4 months for follow up

Subjects enrolled in this study will be compensated for their time. If you are interested in participating in this research study or for additional information, please visit www.trigger-point-injections.com or contact:

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# **Severe**

Do you experience anxiety, depression, severe mood swings, and irritability one week prior to your menstruation?

Do these symptoms impair your functioning in day-to-day activities?

Dr. Steven R. Drosman is conducting a research study of an investigational medication for the treatment of Premenstrual **Dysphoric Disorder** or **Severe PMS**.

Participants will receive at no cost:

- Study-related Gynecological Exams
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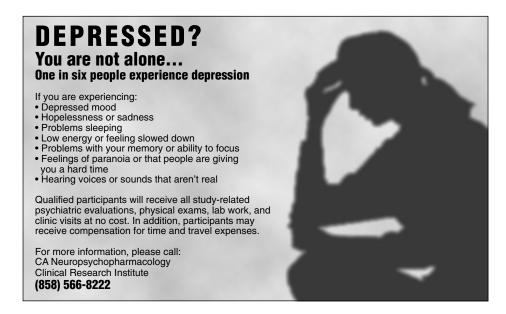




Researchers at Sharp Mesa Vista Hospital are currently enrolling subjects into inpatient and outpatient studies. Eligible participants will receive all study-related care at no cost, and will be reimbursed for time and travel.

For more information, please call the Clinical Research Department at (858) 694-8350.





### Are you one of the millions of people who won't sleep tonight?

**INSOMNIA** is a serious condition. People with insomnia often experience:

- Difficulty falling asleep
- Waking up frequently during the night and trouble returning to sleep
  - Waking up too early in the morning
    - Unrefreshing sleep

If you or someone you love is suffering from insomnia, and is between the ages of 18 and 64, you may be interested in learning about a research study of an investigational medication for insomnia.

Please contact:

Synergy Clinical Research at 1-888-619-7272 to see if you qualify. Ask for Cynthia.



### **Heartburn? Acid Reflux?**

If you suffer from acid indigestion, frequent heartburn, flow of bitter fluid into the chest or mouth, difficulty swallowing, or upper abdominal pain, you may have a condition known as gastroesophageal reflux disease, or GERD.

A clinical research study is being conducted to evaluate symptom relief for patients suffering from GERD.

> Study-related exams and procedures and study medication provided at no cost.

> Patient compensation for time and travel.

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Enrollment is limited!

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Do you meet the following criteria? I am 18 years of age or older.

- I have not seen a doctor for my heartburn symptoms within the last 6 months.
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  I have a history of frequent heartburn (at least 2 times a week on average prior to using Prilosec OTC).

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prep the room for this weekend if they do not have a PO to do the work.

We need to decide if this is: City deal (as SDSU and other sports will use it) or if this is on us. I just can not let this slip through and be unavailable for this weekend.

Thanks for your comments

Christian

*The problem of the* day on **SEPTEMBER 23** was the Union-Tribune, as outlined in an e-mail from Charger vice president Ken Derrett to the city's stadium marketing manager Mike McSweeney. Subject: "UT and Parking Lot."

Mike, the last two games the Union

Tribune was on site at the stadium selling papers and handing out cheer cards they were not authorized to do.

Need to get your opinion on whether they have the right to be on site vending papers if we don't approve. Or is the parking lot deemed to be a location they have rights to regardless of what is going on in the stadium.

We'll handle the cheer card issue. Appreciate your response at your earliest convenience.

Six days later, on

#### SEPTEMBER 29,

McSweeney issued his response.

I looked into the UT situation. First off, I agree with you. They

should be approved as a sponsor of Charger Football. But looking into it. apparently, the stadium has issued a Sidewalk Use permit for the newspaper selling in the past. The permit allows for selling in the lot up to 1 hour prior the event after which, selling is allowed on the sidewalks outside the stadium. They had applied for and recieved from the stadium admin office a permit for the past game. I've found that this is a stadium policy, used by not only the UT but USA Today.

I think we need to look at how we apply this policy. Where it's "policy" I think we can change that practice. Upon my return to the office yesterday, I've been in contact with the City Attorney on the matter and we are exploring the obvious legal impact. From the marketing standpoint, I see it as unapproved, guerilla marketing. From the legal standpoint, we are still researching. There are some non-commercial vs. commercial issues we are running down.

When you have a chance, give me a call.

Mike ■

— Matt Potter

#### Research Opportunity

for Centrally Obese Subjects with **Insulin Resistance** 

Dr. Robert R. Henry and his associates at the VA Medical Center are looking for Non-Diabetic volunteers to take part in a research study evaluating the safety and tolerability of an investigational drug that may control blood glucose levels.

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In order to be eligible to participate in this Research Study, vou must be:

- · Overweight or obese
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To see if you qualify, or to learn more about the study

Alana Clark at (858) 552-8585 ext. 2884 or Catherine DeLue at ext. 6740

# Are you still at risk for heart attack or stroke?

Recent research suggests that a simple blood test may show inflammation of the arteries, which may be an early indicator of cardiovascular disease - even in people with low to normal cholesterol. A local doctor is conducting a research trial to evaluate if an experimental drug will lower the risk of heart attack or stroke.

Qualifications for the study include:

- Men must be 55 years or older
- Women must be 65 years or older
- No previous history of heart attack or stroke
- · Low to normal LDL (bad) cholesterol

Qualified participants will receive study-related medical evaluations and may receive study medicine.

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# **Look Familiar?**



It was 2:15 the last time you looked. That seems like ages ago. Time is at a standstill and all you can do is lie in bed, staring into the darkness. By tomorrow you'll be so tired that you'll fall asleep at your desk, but chances are you won't sleep tomorrow night either.

We are currently conducting a research study of an investigational medicine for insomnia associated with Generalized Anxiety Disorder (GAD).

Participants will receive study-related exams and study medication at no charge. Qualified participants may be compensated. Participants must be between the ages of 18 and 64 and the study requires 8 office visits.



For more information or to schedule an interview to see if you qualify, please contact:

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# Are you sad due to Bipolar Disorder?

We are currently seeking volunteers for a clinical research study of an approved medicine under investigation for the treatment of DEPRESSION due to Bipolar Disorder.

To qualify, you must:

- be at least 18 years old
- · have been diagnosed with Bipolar Disorder
- · be experiencing symptoms of depression

Qualified participants will receive at no cost:

- Monitoring of bipolar and depressive symptoms
- · Medical and lab exams
- Study medication



For more information or to schedule an interview to see if you qualify, please contact:

(619) 688-6565



If even happy things leave you blue,

if you qualify for our research study on **DEPRESSION.** 

Have you or someone you care about been experiencing some or all of the following symptoms for at least a few months?

- Hopelessness Sadness
- Loss of interest in daily activities
- Loss of energy Difficulty concentrating

If so, people between the ages of 18 to 64 may qualify for a research study of an investigational drug for **Depression**.

All office visits and medical evaluation related to this study will be provided to qualified participants at no charge.



For more information or to schedule an interview to see if you qualify, please contact:

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Affiliated Research Institute is conducting a research study on patients with mild to moderate plaque psoriasis.

You may qualify if:

- You are 18 years of age or older and are in good health
- Have bilateral plaque lesions on the arms, thighs, knees, chest or back.

Participants will be seen by a dermatologist and may be compensated for time and travel.



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# Astigmatism

Astigmatism is a very common vision problem that most people have a tough time describing and understanding. It is usually accompanied with nearsightedness or farsightedness. Astigmatism can usually be corrected with eyeglasses, contact lenses or refractive surgery (LASIK). Just like nearsightedness or farsightedness, astigmatism plays a role in terms of your vision. Most people who have a small amount of astigmatism may not even notice it or have a slight blur in their vision. Larger amounts of astigmatism can give you headaches or eyestrain, and distort or blur your vision at all distances.

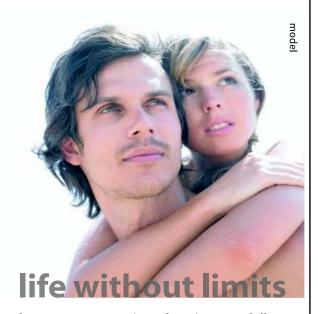
Astigmatism is commonly caused by an irregularly shaped cornea, which is the part of your eye that a contact lens is placed on. Astigmatism occurs when the cornea is shaped more like an oblong oval football than a spherical ball, which is the normal shape. This irregular shape causes light rays to focus on two points in the back of your eye, rather than on just one. Astigmatism can be categorized as regular or irregular depending on the type of shape the cornea is in and where it is located on the cornea. Regular astigmatism is usually easy to correct but irregular astigmatism can be com-plicated and more difficult to correct, depending on the extent of the irregularity and its cause.

Usually astigmatism is hereditary, i.e. it is passed down through generations and may get worse over time. It may also result from an eye injury that has caused scarring on the cornea, from certain types of eye surgery, or from keratoconus, a disease that causes a gradual thinning of the cornea.

Astigmatism is commonly caused by an irregularly shaped cornea...

Treatment for astigmatism usually consists of glasses or contact lenses (Toric or Rigid Gas Permeable). Many people feel that refractive surgery cannot treat astigmatism. This was true several years ago, but now LASIK and other forms of refractive surgery are **excellent** procedures for correcting astigmatism.

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Our doctors will help guide the patients through the process of making an informed decision on the procedure that is best suited for the patients' particular needs. In the majority of cases, astigmatism should no longer be considered an untreatable condition.

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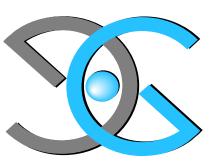
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Il right [pause, deep breath]. Only a few more things to do tonight — or shall I say, this morning? I have to write this article and finish up that literary-analysis essay that's due for English. And math homework!? Too bad, so sad, because I'm going to pass; I'll take the zero. But I do have to study for that U.S. history

exam or I will definitely fail. It'll be three o'clock in the morning by then!

The causes of my stress vary from bumper-to-bumper traffic to heavy loads of homework to extracurricular activities up the wazoo. I deal with stress well, but there are times when I explode mentally for a few seconds, and I need to stop for a minute or two and think about nothing. I tend to turn selfish when I am under extreme amounts of stress. During stress-overdose periods, I sometimes disregard the feelings of those around me, but such occurrences are rare.

As for the day-to-day type of stress, I either trick my mind into thinking nothing of the situation or I stay focused and apply more pressure. I use the latter method more often. For example: it's getting late, and I have to finish my homework. Plus, I have a headache. So, I shut off the television, lock myself in my room, and set an ultimatum: finish this homework by ten o'clock...or else. No ifs, ands, or buts. Somebody has be the slave driver; the task needs to be completed so I can get some sleep so I can regain energy to do this all over again tomorrow.

One happy thought: college applications are out! I'm ready to embrace the stress.

— Derrick Sun, Mt. Carmel H.S.



f you come to Carlsbad High School and are passed by a rather short (yet alarmingly attractive), frazzled-looking senior carrying a large stack of textbooks, it is probably me...and I am probably stressed. Most likely, I'll rush right past you. Why, you ask, is a high school senior so stressed out? I mean, it's senior year, right? It should be filled with fun and football games and parties, right? Suuuuurrre. You can have fun and go to football games and parties if you have no desire to get into college and want to lead an unhappy and unsuccessful life. College stresses me out, and I'm not even in yet.

Somehow, colleges expect me to (1) maintain spotless grades, while (2) participating in varsity sports and helping "enrich the community around me," and (3) get a 2400 on my SAT, the most ridiculous form of testing known to man. How? How am I, a mere mortal, supposed to do all of this? Magic? Should I contact Mount Olympus and ask for a little help from the gods? I am a human being. A human being who wakes up in the middle of the night and practically has a panic attack because I don't know where I'm going to be next year and I might

not like it. The thing about stress is that, like strep throat, if you have it once, you become hypersusceptible to it.

I've reached a point where collegerelated stuff isn't the only thing that stresses me. "Anne, could you please pass the butter?" "WHY ARE YOU ALWAYS ASKING ME TO PASS THE BUTTER?!?! CAN'T YOU JUST GET IT YOURSELF?!?!" And so

Alas, I don't think anything can be done. My stress is here to stay, at least until next April, when all the acceptance letters are out. Then I can relax. But, wait! What if I get a bad roommate? Or an awful professor? What if the food is terrible? I guess my stress is here to stay.

— Anne Baker, Carlsbad H.S.

n my health class, we recently covered a chapter about stress. Apparently, there are two types of stress: eustress and distress. Eustress is a positive form of stress; distress is a negative type. Unfortunately, the majority of us are only familiar with distress.

As a teenager, I can say that I am too

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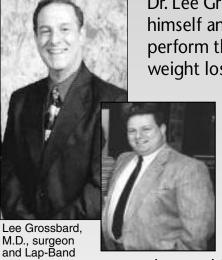
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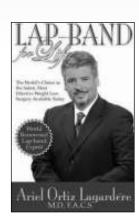
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friendly with Mr. Distress. I'm so young — what could disrupt my joyful existence? Well, first on the list are my parents. They keep me from going out with friends because I have chores to do, or they nag while I'm trying to watch

Parents are connected to another big stressor in the typical teenager's life: dating. "Who are you going with? What do you think you're gonna do? How are you getting there?" These are common questions that I face before going out. Sometimes it's more trouble than it's worth. On more than one occasion, I've been so blown away by my parents' suspicion that I lied about where I met a person or what we were doing — not because it was anything bad, but because parents tend to think the worst...especially if it involves their one and only daughter. Lying was probably the stupidest mistake I've made while under stress, and it cost me a

week of my summer vacation.

If parents don't stress me out, then school takes over. I'm currently a junior, a month and a half into school, and the rapid pace has already begun. It's kind of a cycle: do well in school now so you can get into an even more stressful school and then land yourself a stressful job! That's what I think of when my eyes are drooping and the screen is swimming after three hours of computer research for my history paper.

Stress is a part of life, so I say to myself while under stress: try to think clearly, manage time well, and remember that this is temporary.

> - Marion Finocchiaro, Grossmont Middle College H.S.

tress haunts my contemplations during the day and night. I am surprised my physician has not yet given me pills for the level of stress I experience. School...it is my sec-

four hours of sleep on a school night. How do I handle the stress? I am a speed demon on the freeways. The Department of Motor Vehicles failed me twice. When the DMV failed me the first time, I sped away on the freeway. Unfortunately, my father witnessed my driving. I have a tendency to take my stress out on my parents...not a good idea when they con-

ond home and the reason

reaches such heights. I find

why my anxiety level

myself suffering from

senioritis (or slackeritis)

and prefer to waste time

instead of do homework.

With four advanced-place-

ment classes and a myriad

ties, I rarely get more than

of extracurricular activi-

I endure the pressure from my parents and myself so that I can succeed. I have set high standards for myself and this leads to my overachievement. However, these high expectations are not the

trol the cash flow and grant

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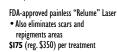
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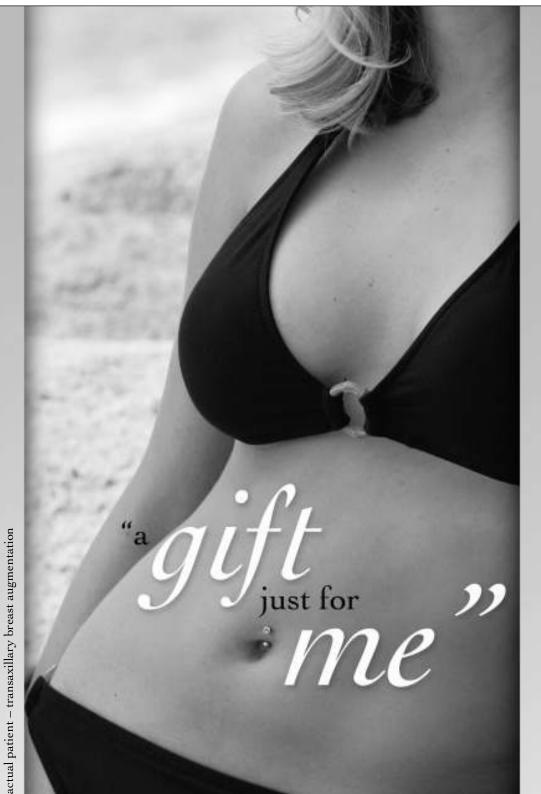


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only sources of my angst.

A big factor that contributes to my stress level involves traffic and horrible drivers. Traffic gives me time to think — something I do not want to do when the list of things to do continues to grow. Yes, I should get cracking on those college applications.

To calm myself, nothing compares to a caramel Frappuccino or a deep conversation with a best friend. Am I on the verge of burnout? Maybe, but it isn't likely. Stress is my way of life. I am addicted to it. Besides, Starbucks is a mile away.

> — Vivian Pham, Mt. Carmel H.S.

h, stress... Some of us experience more mental tension than others; unfortunately, I could become president of the High Stress Club. I have often caught myself posing the question, "Why me?" Why do I often become a walking jumble of stress? I have contemplated my current situation in life, and multiple answers have surfaced. I'm 17 years old and

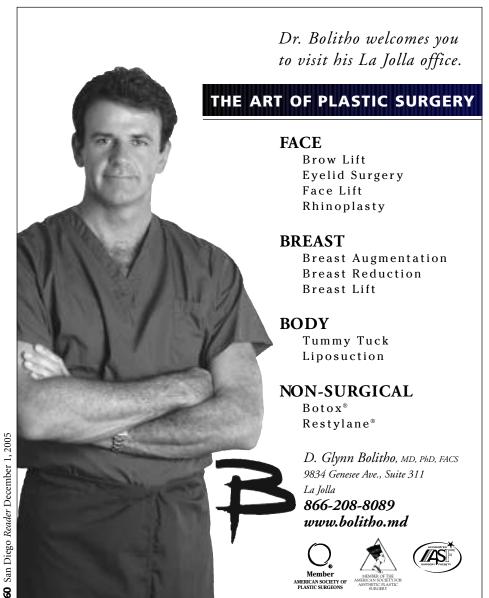
have spent the past four years thinking about and preparing for college. I've taken advanced high school courses, filled out scholarship applications, and taken leadership roles in clubs. I have now graduated from high school and will soon move away from my home of 17 years to attend a four-year university in Northern California. If the thought of leaving my familiar setting and lifestyle behind didn't cause me enough stress, my preparation for the departure surely did. During the past couple of months, I have picked little fights with my parents and siblings and mentioned to them how wonderful it will be to take a little vacation from them. You know you're stressing out when you're willing to argue about trivial things such as shopping and breakfast foods. I believe "emotional displacement" is the term that best describes my behavior.

Preparation for college isn't the only source of stress. As a perfectionist and both a conscientious and health-oriented individual, I have made a habit of exercising daily. In fact, it has become such a constant part of my life that I feel different when I don't get to enjoy my active time. If I'm having a bad day and I miss the time I set aside for myself to work out, I tend to become stressed and react immaturely. I tend to pass my anger and disappointment on to others undeserving of such treatment; one time I yelled at my mom for moving my jump rope from where I'd left it.

Though I have shared the monstrous manifestations of my stress, it isn't always bad to be an easily stressed person. A little bit of mental pressure provides me with the motivation I need to finish assignments and complete other daily tasks.

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In February of this year I took a morning ride on the number 115 bus from SDSU to El Cajon. Several rows in front of me, up on the left side of the bus, a man mumbled to nobody in particular, not an uncommon occurrence on San Diego's public transporation. But this time the driver was not amused. At a stop along the way, he turned and told the man to stop using foul language. The command only seemed to provoke the offender, for he now cursed the driver in tones loud enough for all ten to fifteen passengers on board to hear. At the next stop, on Navajo Road heading east, the driver ordered the man off the bus.



As he started to leave, the man continued the verbal abuse. The driver, to his credit, waited patiently without speaking. Taking one step down the bus steps, however, the man turned abruptly and spit in the driver's face. With rage immediately apparent on his features, the driver chased him off and around the front

of the bus. The two, both tall and strong, ended up fighting in the middle of the wide street. From the bus's left-side windows, passengers watched the furious driver quickly get the upper hand. Using his fists, he knocked the other man over backward onto the pavement. He then repeatedly kicked the

man, who escaped only by scrambling to his feet and running down the middle of the street, back the way the bus had come.

My first thought was to wonder whether I could have kept my cool had someone spit in my face. Then a bigger issue occurred to me. Suppose the beaten spitter sued the Metropolitan Transit System (apparently he did not). In the following days, I spoke with bus drivers on several routes. They all told me that the driver I'd seen fighting had reacted improperly. He was bound to be in trouble with the transit system, which tells drivers that, although they may protect

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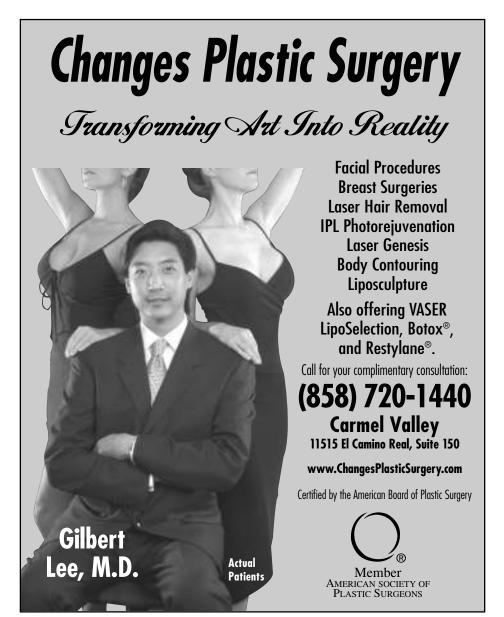
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themselves, they are never to follow a passenger off the bus during a conflict. Later, the driver himself told me that agency executives reprimanded him and gave him a short suspension without pay, but let him keep his job. That felt right to me.

Transit agencies, of course, always face the risk of someone they've accidentally injured suing them. Courthouse records show that San Diego's transit system has been the defendant in several personal-injury lawsuits over the last few years. But how to lower the risk?

With that question in mind, many bus drivers wonder at the wisdom of a current transit-system policy that allows people to bring their dogs on buses. It's not that the agency encourages dogs as riders — it has always allowed guide dogs on board — but what makes it possible for other dogs to board is the lack of agency permission for drivers to demand of passengers an official authorization to use a guide dog in public places.



Transit-system spokesman Rob Schupp tells me, "Our bus operators are encouraged to ask riders if their animals are service animals." But they are constrained by the Americans with Disabilities Act from going further. Schupp points me to a U.S. Department of Justice website that states: "You may not insist on proof of state certification before permitting the service animal to accompany the person with a disability."

So it is not surprising, says veteran driver Steve Marshall (not his real name), that on May 7, 2005, at the Old Town Transit Center, someone was getting off a bus with two pit bulls in tow. A German shepherd guide and its owner were getting on the bus at the same time. The pit bulls attacked the shepherd, injuring it and a woman who tried to separate the dogs. She has since threatened a lawsuit against the transit system.

According to Marshall, a policy that, in effect, allows any person to bring a dog on buses opens the transit system to the risk of catastrophic lawsuits. "At their weekly meetings," he says, "company honchos always complain about not having enough money. Yet a number of the things they've done either put us at risk of losing money or have already caused lost revenues."

The San Diego Metropolitan Transit System is a state agency funded by a combination of federal, state, and TransNet dollars. TransNet, according to the San Diego Association of Governments website, is "the county's halfcent sales tax for transportation improvements."

Into the category of causing lost revenues, Marshall puts the Metropolitan Transit System's 2002 purchase of new bus-fare boxes. According to the agency's Schupp, the boxes were "competitively procured" through

Chicago's GFI Genfare in collaboration with local Cubic Corporation, which added a "driver control unit to complete the fare-collection system." Total cost of purchase and installation in all the system's buses: \$6,244,305.

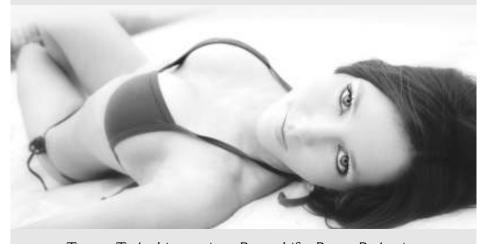
But the boxes often fail to work, says Marshall, causing headaches for drivers trying to stay on time during their routes. Drivers who tested the boxes in 2003 reported that they had major problems. Nevertheless, in 2004 the transit system installed them on all its buses.

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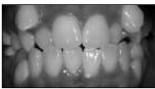


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that number to continue to drop."

Each fare box, according to Schupp, is equipped with a Cubic card reader, which will eventually allow the transit system to "phase out the existing paper-based monthly passes" and replace them with smart cards that can speed passenger boarding, reduce fraud, and improve data on ridership.

Many drivers agree that the fare boxes have improved. But Marshall says they still have plenty of problems. In the old days, "passengers paying cash for their rides [many people do buy monthly passes] deposited \$2.25 into fare boxes that easily sucked up all kinds of bills, no matter how wrinkled or greasy." The driver then handed riders transfer slips at their request. Drivers had to custom prepare the transfers to match the time limits on passenger rides. Marshall admits that sometimes the old fare boxes broke down too. "But when that happened," he says, "we could call a supervisor, who came out with needle-nose pliers,

pulled the main mechanism out of the fare box, and replaced it with another one. Then we were off and running again.

"But we often run our

buses late as we help people struggling to force dollar bills into these overly sensitive new fare boxes. And although they print out transfers, when they're not working, there isn't a mechanism that can be taken out and replaced. Unlike the old ones, they are computerized. If they go down, the driver has to reboot them. Early on, when that didn't work, I'd call dispatch to let them know what was happening. But supervisors wouldn't come out, either because there was nothing they could do, or because they were assigned to watch our main gate down at Sixteenth and Imperial. So drivers have stopped filing complaints."

Drivers I've spoken with understand that, when the fare boxes stop working, their instructions are to wave customers past them. The riders don't have to pay. "Since the fare boxes often go down

early in the morning, that can be a lot of lost money on a bus in one day," Marshall argues. "And imagine that every bus in town every day loses only five dollars (a little more than two rides' worth). The executives are always calling drivers who get complaints into the office. Then they stare them down like they're dirt and say, 'You're running customers away and costing us revenue.' But then they tell us to let passengers ride free because of defective fare boxes."

Marshall recalls hearing about the driver I saw beat up the passenger who spit on him. He compares it to a similar incident many years ago. "Management brought in a driver who had gotten into it with a passenger who spit on him," he says. "The interrogator told the driver not to complain. 'Taking things like that is your job,' he said. The management guy just didn't get it. So the driver helped him understand by spitting at him. Naturally, he lost his job."■

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Rhinoplasty can enhance your appearance and self-confidence—although the best candidates are those looking for improvement, not perfection, in the way they look.

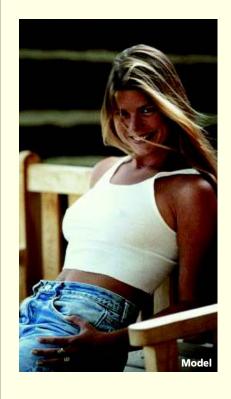
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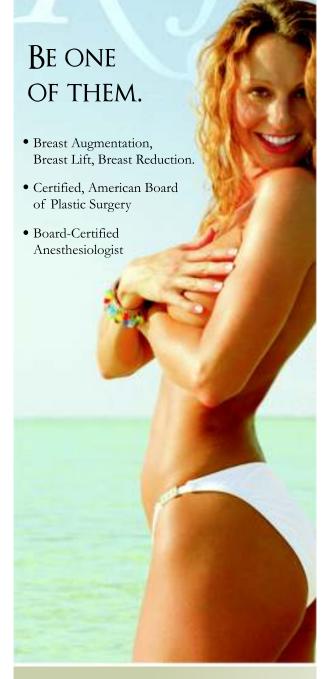
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he 727 lands with a *boom* and bounces its human cargo uncomfortably against the restraint of safety belts; wing flaps dig into the flesh of air and tug back the plane's speed. We taxi to a stop. Exiting through the front hatch, I wobble up a carpeted umbilical into the mother of my memory and a terminal's ending; I meander past unknown faces to sliding-glass doors that open and hiss my passage into soft sunlit air and the reminiscent scent of San Diego sea and palm trees. I have been here before. Dropping my bags where the bus had picked us up, I remember 1968: the end of my youth, the war, and the Marine Corps.

# BACK TO BASICS: HELL ON PACIFIC HIGHWAY

It was night then. The ethereal glow of street lamps transposed a time for day to end with the certainty it had just begun. We stand in our first formation, a slovenly rendition of parade rest, while around us, above us, behind us, the omnipotent presence of a Marine sergeant glares; he has hard arms, a thick chest, and a square-jawed countenance devoid of compassion. Civilians walk by and stare with curious and unenvious faces; their cynical eyes seem to say we are miscreants — teenagers who volunteer to kill in an unpopular war. The early tingle of anticipation begins to wane and mingle with an incipient ache growing in my feet.

We stand for an hour. All civilians are gone. An old school bus painted gray-green rumbles up a curving incline and brakes to a sharp stop in front of us; the engine coughs dead, and mechanical doors flap open. The sergeant steps in front of us and reads from a clipboard: "On behalf of the Armed Forces of the United States, this bus is here to take you to Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego. Our country is presently engaged in a hostile conflict overseas, and you are hereby advised that any attempt to walk away or not board this bus will be considered an act of desertion. When I give the word, you will board by rows in quick and orderly fashion taking the farthest seat back." The sergeant lifts his eyes from the clipboard. "Now, move!" Like school children eager for the best seat, we dart for the door.

"Stop!"

We freeze.

"Get back in formation, dimwits."



We scurry back.

"I said *orderly* fashion."

The sergeant turns his head to our right and points at a gangly black kid at the end of the front row.

"You, splib."

The black kid glances furtively at the sergeant.

"Yeah, you with the lips. Lead."

The black kid steps, then hesitates.

"Move it!"

The black kid leaps into the bus, and the rest

of us follow. The driver is yelling, "All the way back, three to a seat." I am ninth to board and sit on the right, one row from the back; two large recruits to my inside take up most of the seat, and the crack of my ass rides the edge. In 30 seconds all the rows are filled. "Fill up the aisle!" shouts the driver. "Fill up the aisle!"

The sergeant follows the last recruit on board and tells those in the aisle to face the front. "Squeeze it back," he orders, "asshole to belly button." He continued on page 77



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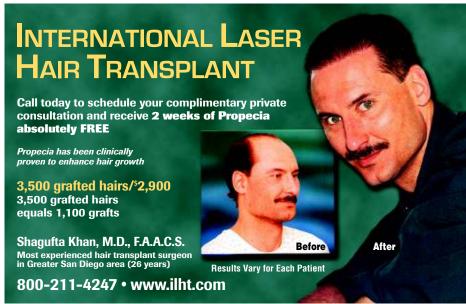
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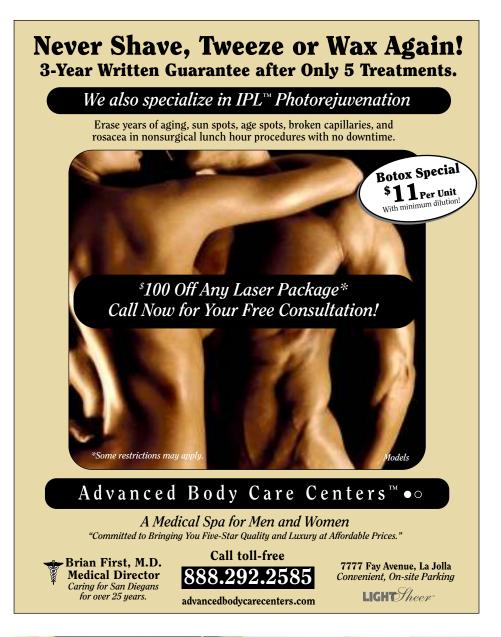
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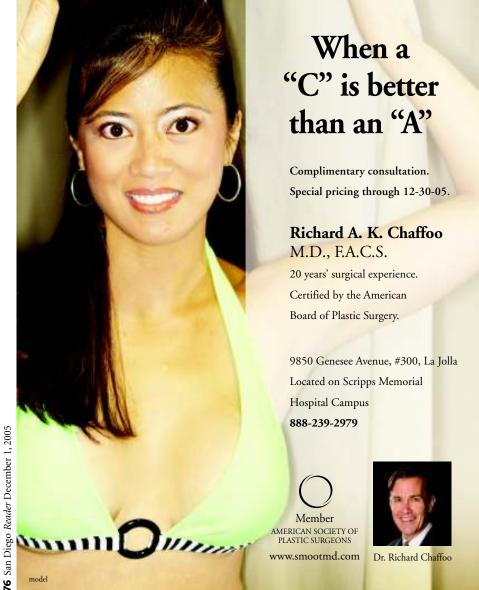
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pauses and points to the back. "Hey! Tons o' fun —"

A Mexican with a belly looks around at the sergeant and whispers, "Me?" "Shut up, lardass! and sit on someone's lap." The fat Mexican wiggles into the seat behind me. I hear the black kid mumble — "Sure don't like this shit." The sergeant explodes.

"WHO THE FUCK IS TALKING?"

For the first time his voice carries the maniacal tone of imminent violence. I was an athlete and was used to the animated histrionics of coaches. He is no coach. This is a man whose chosen profession is to kill. Even the sound of our breathing stops.

"The next cocksucker who talks will not live to get off this bus. Is that understood?"

We respond in diffident unison. "Yesss sir."

> "That's 'Sir, yes sir." "Sirrr yesss sirrr."

"Can't hear you."

"SIRRR YESSS SIRRR!" "Don't drag it out like a bunch of lisping faggots!" "SIR YES SIR!"

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"Enjoy it, girls," the sergeant says, turning to the driver. "Let's go."

The door-flaps closed and the engine rumbled alive. As the bus pulled away into the night, I could hear muffled grunts. And for the first of countless times, I thought of home: everyone I knew girlfriend, family, lifelong pals, even my dog — was asleep.

The gate sentry—who looks

no older than 20 — holds an old gray military ID card close to his face and studies the picture; his eyes shift back and forth from me to the card. "This doesn't look like you, sir," he says. "Do you have any other identification?"

Through the open window of a Hertz rental, I hand him my blue retirement card. "I just got this one," I explain. "They issued me the other one when I was 19."

"Retired at 19?" he asks, without any hint of credulity.

"I got wounded."

"You're not supposed to have two ID cards, sir."

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"Well, I wouldn't try to use it again," he says, hand-



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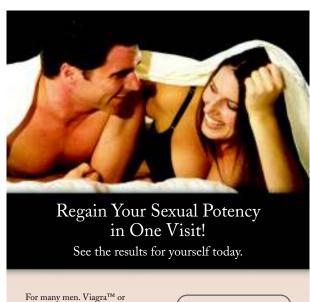
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ing both cards back. "You don't look like that anymore." Thanking the young Marine, I shift into drive and enter MCRD for the first time in 22 years. Following a curve of smooth pavement, I pull into a half-full lot and park. Still in my hand are the two ID cards, their laminated faces staring back; one is a teenager barely back from war; the other is a man with two decades to think about I wander from the car

in search of where the bus had taken us. My gait reveals a slight limp. Most of my body is scarred — one eye is blind. Sounding like the snap of a twig, an invisible shard of

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glass cracks under the sole of my shoe. Memory drifts. Through a cloud of time, the moon from behind a jungled mountaintop catches the silhouette of a charging sapper; strapped to his torso is a bag of plastic explosives, peppered with bolts and nails and packed with shit. Bullets from my M-16 tear into his chest and face, blowing his heart and brains out the back. His body falls where I kneel and explodes into several large pieces in a vapory spray. Paper-thin shreds of floating flesh and viscera settle on the dead branches of jungle trees like schizoid Christmas decorations. The crack of glass sounds again, and I stop to scrape my shoe. I look up and see it was here the bus had dropped us off.

I stare into the seam of an L-shaped building, the base of the L to my right, its stem to the left. Stuck in the nook between the two is a cubelike addition with a single wooden door padlocked shut. The overall structure has two stories, a flat roof. It is — like almost everything at MCRD — stuccoed and painted dull yellow. Most of the windows are tall, multipaned rectangles trimmed in white. A back foyer on the right — its double-doors windowed and crowned by a Spanish arch — reflects the depot's architectural motif

and belies a brutal past. This is the old Receiving Barracks.

It was midnight. Spurred by the sergeant's screams to move our "slimy asses off this bus," we stumble and race to eight columns of yellow footprints painted on the asphalt, parallel to the base of the L. The footprints position our feet at 45-degree angles, heels together. Bright lamps beam down into unprotected eyes and create sharp shadows. All around, frightful Marine clones lurk. They wear flat-topped white hats with polished black bills hiding their eyes; short-

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ing the insignias of corporals and sergeants; their left chests boast two and three rows of strangely colored ribbons some with gold Vs, some with darker starlike clusters: chromed "Expert" badges for rifle and pistol dangle and glint; their trousers are royal blue with a red stripe down each outside seam. They scream, curse, push, and punch. I try to breathe without being noticed. One step every 90 seconds, our row of eight advances. Ahead is a large sign painted in Marine Corps colors — red on yellow — listing what we can keep (nothing) and what we can't keep (everything). For the benefit of recruits who never learned to read and there are several — a sculpted corporal with obtruding cheekbones recites in a coarse voice the litany of dictates; he even defines for the deficient in vocabulary any polysyllabic words ("...rubbers, for you dipshits").

In 15 minutes my row reaches the front. The yellow footprints require us to turn 90 degrees - my first

right face — and point single-file into the open doorway of the small cubelike addition. Inside, two barbers shave heads madly. The corporal warns about unreported moles getting clipped off. I step into the room and move to the far chair. The barber wears glasses and has a puffed, pale-pink face topped by receded wisps of yellowish-white hair; his enlarged eyes show the bored impassivity of the kill-man in a slaughter house. Throwing a white cloth around my upper body, he shaves my head - six strokes, 20 seconds, bald — and sends me on. Another sergeant gives me a shove into an adjacent room. I am issued a metal bucket and ugly clothes; with the exception of the underwear, sweatshirt, and jock strap, everything is green. Every one of us looks the same from the head up stupid. To the insane cadence of screamed obscenities and physical threats—"I'll break your motherfucking arms, cocksucker!" — we move methodically to a room with three long tables, each table

divided into 25 cubicles, inside each cubicle a cardboard box. We are ordered to strip and put everything into the box. Naked, we are quickly shuffled off to the showers, dicks flapping—75 of us. The multiple shower stall is designed for 20, and yet the sergeants and corporals scream and shove until every last sweaty, stinking body is crammed into one undulating mass of rubbing torsos, thighs, butts, and penises. They scream "GET OUT, GIRLS!" Barely wet bodies peel off bodies to race back to where our clothes are.

We are told when and how to dress, item by item. First the boxer shorts — *I* have never worn boxer shorts in my life, only briefs; I grew up in briefs, snug and secure; at night I slept in briefs; certainly we are to wear the jock underneath!—"WHAT THE FUCK ARE YOU DOING, NUMBNUTS?"The Marine's spit hits my ear. Hopping and almost tripping, I remove the jock and pull on the baggy white shorts and think in horror of training for war with unprotected balls. Next

come the green socks (which pull to above my knees), followed by green trousers (two sizes too big), web belt (12 inches too long), gray sweatshirt (one size too small), and finally black canvas Converse high-tops (that thank God fit).

Following canine-level orders, we close and seal the parcels that contain our pasts; using thick black pens we address them as told, to our homes, wishing it were us we were mailing instead of our clothes. Across from me a white kid with rotting teeth and a 15-year-old face raises his hand. Told to speak by the bellicose staff sergeant giving instructions, he asks, "Wha?...sir! What should someone do who don't know...he can't spell?...sir!" The staff sergeant — who surprisingly doesn't scream asks who else has a problem. Two hands go up. A Marine descends toward each and takes his pen and then the screaming starts: "What's address?...Your address!...Where you live, shitf'rbrains!" The body with rotting teeth answers, "Sir, Oregon sir!"

Time plods. From one

agonizingly structured procedure to the next, we are processed like civilian sewage through a decontamination tube. Into green seabags we stuff gear: laundry bag, brush, detergent, and clothespins; thongs and white towels; sewing kit, shoe polish, and brush; plastic toiletry bag, retractable razor with double-edged blades, shaving cream, toothbrush and paste, bottle of Listerine, foot powder, and Right Guard deodorant—the things of our future routines. It has been a lunatic's ride on a demented train of change: physical appearances, vestiges of past identities any presumptions of selfworth — have been swept off the floor or stuffed in a box. Herded into a room like imprisoned gypsies, we face two life-sized pictures of one person — the before shot: a surly-faced hood in jeans and sleeveless shirt; the after shot: an honor graduate dressed in blues. We are neither. We are now the Manifestations of Utter Nothingness: human waste with

the shit squeezed out of it. From now on there is no myself or me, just the private; there is no *you* or *they*, just The Drill Instructor. And the DI hasn't arrived yet. And won't — until I've heard a thousand times over, Your mommy can't help anymore, Your girlfriend's a whore, Your balls are for war, Your slimyasshole belongs to the Corps. And won't — until the sleepless dark has slithered its vulgar way through yet another day.

The yellow footprints are gone, except for the final row that still points toward the cubelike addition. Standing on the last set of prints before the padlocked door, I think of the experience, the change, the metamorphosis that began inside. And I think of how it worked: strip away civility, turn into soft clay, mold into efficient killer. I was a boy who wanted to be a Marine, who wanted to go to Vietnam, who wanted to feel what it was like to kill. I didn't know then that pull a trigger, pull a pin, stick a knife — it feels like noth-

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ing. A giant, monumental nothing I shrug off every day as Something I Was Trained To Do.

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It has been 23 hours since our heads were shaved, 40 since I slept. We stand in formation with heavy seabags balanced on our shoulders. awaiting the command of the Senior Drill Instructor to march. He is the Platoon Commander, adorned with the emblems of omniscience — stripes of staff sergeant and ribbons of war: Purple Heart, Bronze Star with Combat V — and the symbols of omnipotence: the broad-brimmed campaign hat and patent-leather belt of God. He stares at us with the eyes of a drunk Indian screwed into sober sockets: ageless and demonic, consumed by hatred, exhumed by anger — he is a man who has seen men die

and prefers killing. To his barked and spo-

radic cadence, we march across an open blackness like little fish through the sleeping gape of a toothed whale. We know nothing about marching and bounce and skip in futile attempts to keep together. Our loads become heavier with each step and turn shoulders into centers of pain. We move one pace slower than a run. The sounds of grunts and gasps and jostling gear fill the air. The Platoon Commander chides our whining slovenliness and makes us stop and run in place. Pain evolves into torture and then becomes agony. Grown boys begin to cry. In the darkness I close my eyes and remember the suffocation of wind sprints under an August sun. I see Coach Hobbs with a whistle in his mouth and hear its tweet! "Never quit! Never quit!" Tweet! Around me bigger players fall to the ground and puke. "Never quit! Never quit!"

One recruit drops his seabag and falls to his knees sobbing. The Platoon Commander gets in his face.

"Motherfuckingslimyassholepieceo'shit!"

The boy struggles to his feet

"Pick up that seabag!... Move your feet!... Stop whimpering, cocksucker!... I'll break your dickstick off and shove it in your mouth!"

Suddenly the Platoon Commander tells us to halt. For a moment there is only the sound of heavy breathing, then, slowly, a prolonged stillness descends like a fog. The Platoon Commander moves away, wordlessly, from the petrified recruit and stands distant to our left. Each of us, feeling his stare, disguises his discomfort and tries not to blink. A boy in front of me begins to tremble visibly, his courage deserting at the thought that he might be singled out. The tense silence is broken when the Platoon Commander questions, "Ready for bed, girls?" and we hurriedly answer, "Sir, yes sir!"

Guided blindly through the night by this atavistic voice, we come finally to a place of strange metal buildings called Quonset huts. Partitioned from the open blackness by a row of palm trees — each tree heading a column of five huts — these tubelike structures squat in mock formation like giant mailboxes. Between the columns are asphalt "roads" five yards wide, down one of which we march to a halt. The flat face of each Quonset stares blandly at the road, its two square windows and single wooden door arranged as eyes and nose.

In groups of ten, we enter the huts and empty our seabags into assigned footlockers; from the clutter we gather toiletry items and race back to the road. Marching a short distance to two rectangular woodframe buildings, we enter the one on the right — the heads. Twenty naked toilets protrude from the walls. In four shifts, the entire platoon is ordered to lower trousers and shorts, sit (thigh to thigh) and shit. Yeah, right. Everyone takes a healthy piss, grunts a lot, strains, and when ordered to, absurdly wipes his ass. Not a bowel has moved. From the heads we herd to the building on the left — the showers. We strip, enter the welcomed spray, and wash by the numbers: scalp and face, torso, legs, crotch, ass. The Platoon Commander gives a quick lesson on how to operate the double-edged razor and explains that from now on we will shave twice each day. Twice a week for me would do the job, but it makes no difference. I shave the skin off my Adam's apple and bleed profusely. Outside we align and shiver, waiting until the entire platoon has completed the cycle.

Back in the Quonsets, stripped to boxers and Tshirts, we stand poised to mount our bunks as if they were horses. Tonight the beds have no mattresses, no sheets, and no pillows - just a green blanket. The Platoon Commander shouts, "Mount!" and we lurch into the bare springs and lie motionless, face up. In one final scatological diatribe, we are reminded that we are not Marines, that we are the lowest things on earth, lower

even than whale shit recruits. Warning of severe consequences for talking, the Platoon Commander flips off the light and disappears with a slam of the door. For several seconds there are no sounds; then, faintly, I hear the lugubrious whimper of a boy with his face stuffed in a blanket. Through the window above my bunk, I see stars that look as far away as home. Carefully, quietly, I wrap in my blanket and lie like a chrysalis, dropping into a dreamless sleep.

Morning comes before the sun; a cacophony of violent voice and empty garbage can clanging across concrete brings bodies exploding out of racks. Bleary-eyed boys scramble dizzily to attention, chests out, stomachs in, thumbs to seams, hardons sticking out of boxers. One recruit is still asleep in the corner; the Platoon Commander swoops down on the poor bastard's ear and screams, "GET THE FUCK UP, SLEEPING BEAUTY!" As the vociferous dawn of enlightenment struggles to reach the boy's brain, the rest

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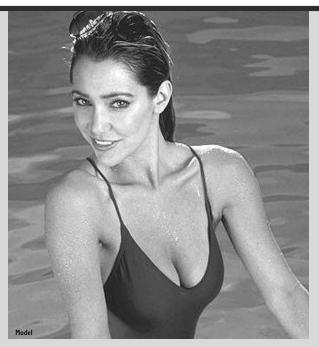
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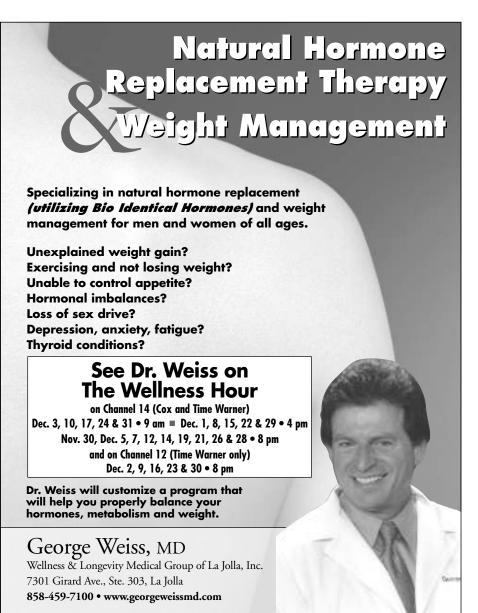
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of us stuff our dicks back in our shorts. We are given 60 seconds to dress and be on the road; arms flail through poorly placed piles of clothes, fingers fumble with shoestrings and buttons, and finally bodies scurry out the

A diffuse light from scattered bulbs bounces off pale faces and blends with green utilities, creating a brownish dim. With the Platoon Commander are two sergeants wearing the "Smokey Bear" hats and wide green web belts of assistant Drill Instructors. Their names are Nicholas and Baum, Nicholas stands six-four, has a Kirk Douglas jaw, looks mean; Baum is five-ten, stares with chilled eyes barely visible under a forward-tilted brim. The Platoon Commander's name is Taylor. We can call them by title but never by name or rank. Speaking to a DI follows a slavish procedure.

"Sir! Private Edwards, Platoon 2093, requests permission to speak to the Platoon Commander, sir!"

"Speak."

"Sir! The private requests permission to make an emergency standing head-call, sir!

> "Sixty seconds, move!" "Sir! aye aye, sir!"

In the days ahead, we will learn that speaking incorrectly results in a spit-spattering harangue of spliced expletives delivered in the colloquial rhythm of an obscene poet. Often, this is followed by physical exercise to the point of exhaustion. The guilty party screams his own cadence, "One two—three—four—I love—the Marine—Corps." Calling a DI "you" is a major iniquity ("A ewe is a female sheep!") and incurs debasement — kneel and kiss the DI's posterior or stand in front of everyone and repeatedly yell, "Sir! the private is a sexual pervert, sir!" Indoors, chastisements take the form of tortures; Elbows and Toes, The Chair, The Hang, The Chinese Thinking Position, The Rack, The Stretch. The most feared consequence (for even minor offenses) is to be called to the Duty Hut - alone; here, the "official" interdiction against corporal punishment is ignored.

Executing a right face, we march back through the row of trees and into the gaping mouth of the open black-

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ness; ahead, the first languorous signs of dawn soak into the sky above a distant ridge. Although we have learned the barest rudiments of marching — right face, forward march, halt — the seemingly simple task of rounding a corner betrays our ineptitude. The new, deeper voice of Sgt. Nicholas commands, "Column left, march!" We collide like mating frogs. Halted, insulted, instructed, we begin again, over and over, until we have it right. The silver-white light above the ridge expands; birds snug within the fronds of palms wake and chirp, indifferent to the gawky thump of our feet; around us, the open blackness evaporates like charcoal mist, distilling to a quadrangular sea of asphalt and a distant shore of colorless buildings. Sloppily, we move across the heart of MCRD — this immense parade-ground — that we learn is called The Grinder.

The sights and sounds of other platoons, far more advanced than we can imagine becoming, fill our eyes and ears; they march like

machines, their multitudinous feet landing as one, each step the sound of sandpaper blocks rubbed to the rhythm of a Roman metronome. Their DIs do not bark "Left, right, left, right" as do ours; instead, they sing in guttural cadences, deep and yodel-like, each unique. The recruits in these platoons look different: their trousers are bloused at the tops of their polished black boots — ours hang loose over tennis shoes; their shirts are open at the collar — ours button to the neck, the mark of Phase One recruits.

It took several days before the realization trickled through our numbed psyches that — even though we were drilling for hours on The Grinder; even though we were being taught the Marine Corps's way to make racks, mark, fold, and store clothes, clean huts, wash clothes by hand; even though we were being called individually to the Duty Hut, tortured, and taught how to talk; even though we were receiving letters and learning the consequences for "pogey

bait"—our 56 official training days had not begun. MCRD was swollen with 15,000 recruits working through a frantic eight-week "wartime cycle" to replace the thousands of dead, wounded, and rotating Marines in Vietnam. There wasn't room for us yet.

During these 13 footdragging days, we receive more clothing (combat boots and dress clothes), are introduced to PT (Physical Training), copy notes for future tests, and (memorably) get our bodies examined. We stand naked in two facing rows; Navy corpsmen stroll between and eye our genitals for disease. Suspects are sent to a Navy doctor who sits bored behind a desk, his head resting in his left hand. Instructed to do an about face, we widen our feet and grab our ankles. The view is disgusting. "Looks good," a corpsman mocks. We are then told to dress and sit. The doctor stands and invites anyone who thinks he made a mistake joining the Marines to come forward and explain his problem. A line of 15 recruits quickly forms. One by one, they give their excuses — My Feet Hurt, I Want To Finish High School, My Mom Is Sick — and one by one, they are sent back to sit, the doctor and corpsmen laughing, the whole thing a joke.

On the seventh day we pack our gear in preparation for moving to new billets after lunch. Something is worrying me. We fall in and march to the mess hall. Three times every day — 5:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, and 6:00 p.m. — we eat in stressful fashion. Our four marching columns consolidate tightly into two outside the T-shaped building. While we stand, individuals are singled out for torment. Private Wirth, whose eyes had glanced at a swooping sea gull, is pulled out of formation and ordered to hold a salute, repeating over and over, "Sir! Private Asshole likes to watch birds, sir!" Private Eastburn — the boy who had collapsed sobbing on the Grinder — is called out every meal. Surrounded by simpering DIs from other platoons, he is chided until he begins to cry.

The lines move quickly. Inside, we grab metal trays

manned by recruits who have completed Phase One and will soon be leaving for the rifle range. They are confident and surly and regard us as contemptible new meat, undeserving of respect. Potatoes and gravy, meat and fish, salads and desserts are scooped and slapped onto our trays as we shuffle sideways down the line. "Hurry it up, recruit!" they bark, enjoying their status. "Keep it moving!"We have 20 minutes to be served, eat, return our trays, and be back on the road. At each table, recruits stand until all spots are taken and the command given, "Ready, seats!" We eat with spoons and shovel our food; when the first recruit is finished, we all are finished no one wants to be second. Together we stand and hurry toward the garbage cans. On the way we pass the Drill Instructors' table. Eastburn sits there whimpering, his hands in his lap, a forkful of potatoes held to his lips by a grinning DI.

and hold them flat to our

chests. The long food lines are

At the Quonsets my fear is greater. All this food — I know I've eaten at least 20 meals. I don't feel sick, I'm scared. I'm 18 and I'm scared.

Even when I was a wrestler dieting!—I never went more than two days. The idea of facing the Platoon Commander is horrifying; so is being sliced open and scooped out.

"Sir! Private Westberg, Platoon 2093, requests permission to speak to the Platoon Commander, sir!"

Taylor glares into my face. "Speak."

"Sir! The private is seven days constipated, sir!"

I expect him to laugh at me or make me stick my finger up my butt or something like that. Instead he says, "Get your slimy ass up on that shitter and sit until you shit."

"Sir! aye aye, sir!"

I scamper to the head, drop my drawers, sit and strain so hard I get lightheaded. Nothing. I breathe deep, I rock back and forth, I knead my guts like bread dough. Nothing. Time is passing, and I'm afraid to stay, afraid to leave. I leave. Bounding the corner into the squad area I immediately sense something is wrong. It's too quiet. Slowly opening the door to my Quonset, I peer into the dark and feel my heart explode. The Quonset is empty.

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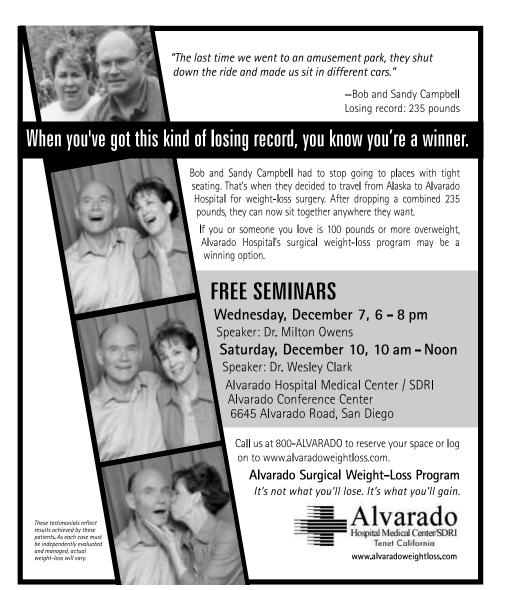
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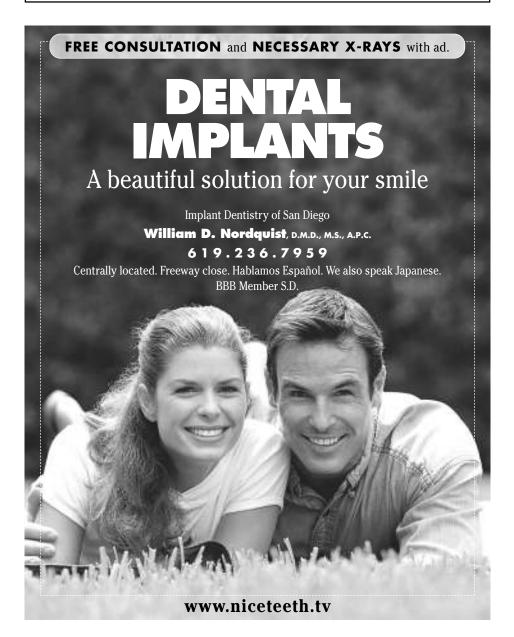
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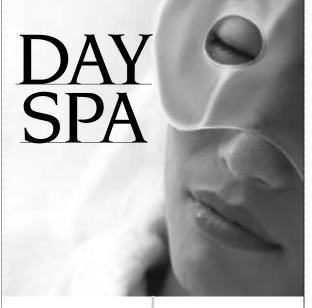




The 26 columns of Quonsets beside the Grinder are gone; a small cluster on the south side of the base is all that is left. As I walk down this forgotten row of huts, overgrown with prehistoric plants, I watch a 727 roar into the sky and remember dreams of home. A tall wooden fence separates the grounds of MCRD from the dangerous runways of San Diego International Airport, where, we were told, fleeing recruits had been crushed under the giant wheels of screaming jets. Day and night we saw these planes, heard them, felt them — tried to imagine being on them. I peek inside one of the wood-frame buildings, its old paint peeling, and see the protruding rows of naked toilets. I feel uncomfortable, standing here, thinking about the tensions that build up when men so completely dominate boys. I leave and wander down the road, feeling the fear.

With the help of a passing DI, I found my platoon on the second floor of an H-shaped, three-story complex. Expecting the worst from the Platoon Commander, he says nothing. I join the other recruits, who are busy making their racks and stowing their gear in the large, upright lockers located at the north end of the squad bay. Two rows of bunks fill the long room. My top rack faces the west-side windows and provides an unobstructed view across the obstacle course to the adjacent airport runways. Soon, we are ordered to dress for our first RT. My heart begins to race — I've been *longing* for this!

With the eagerness of a child on the first day of summer, I pull on my jock, socks, shorts, and sweatshirt, tie on my tennis shoes, and bound out the door ahead of the others. For seven days I have been a "simple, sawed-off" version of everyone else a worthless recruit. I know I'm more. Sgt. Baum leads us on a short jog to a grassy area, where we stop for calisthenics. At this, I am an expert: I don't just touch my toes, I put my palms flat on the grass; I do sit-ups with the quick elasticity of a bow; when we do pushups, my arms feel hydraulic and indefatigable. I feel proud that others do not share my enthu-



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siasm. Private Quintana who calls himself "The Mighty Quinn" when the DIs aren't around — grunts and groans. I think what I'd like to say: "You big sack o' goo! Wanna see me do pushups from a handstand!" We finish off with a onemile run. My legs spring to Sgt. Baum's double-time cadence, and I wish we could do sprints. I want to wrestle someone. Or play tackle football without a helmet. Anything!

That night I write four letters, revealing in each my newfound pride and motivation. "Boot camp," I write, "isn't as tough as football." Just before lights-out, the Platoon Commander calls me to a small room at the south end of the squad bay—the new Duty Hut. He points to a bare wall. "Get in the chair."

With my back against the wall, I squat until my thighs are parallel with the floor. He tells me to hold my arms out straight. After two minutes my knees start to bounce. Sweat oozes from my brow. The Platoon Com-

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mander waits until I show the signs of agony. I grit my teeth and begin to groan like Quintana.

"Are you a pussy?"
"Sir! no sir!"
"What are you?"
"Sir!The private is tough,

"He is?"

"Sir! yes sir!"

"Huh́?"

sir!"

"Sir! ye..." (Taylor's fist smashes into my gut)
"...sssirrr!"

"Can't hear you."
"SIR! YE...ughh...

"Going to get lost again?"
"SIR! no...ughh...
sssirrr!"

"Huh?"

"Sir! N...ughh...sss...

"Get the fuck out o' my hut, slimebag!"

(I start to move.)

"Get back!... Forget something?"

"Sir! yes sir!"

"What?"

"Sir! The private forgot to say 'aye aye,' sir!"

"Get out."

"Sir! AYE AYE, sir!"

(I try to move — my

legs collapse.)

"Get back!... Too slow...Get out!"

"Sir! AYE AYE, sir!"

Unable to straighten my legs, waddling like a scared duck, I fall on my hands and scramble frantically out the door. The other recruits don't ask what happened — they know. Everyone gets their shot at it. Some, including me, just get it more often. I stay constipated for another 2 days, 9 total. Later, I feel lucky when a boy is taken away in an ambulance. He'd gone 18.

Our official training began on the 14th day — the day we got our M-14 rifles. A rifle to a Marine is more than a weapon; it is a sacred thing to be cherished, like a woman. Moving north from the forgotten Quonsets to where the combat area had been, I remember the little ceremony: "You may kiss the bride," Taylor said, "and I better goddam hear it!" All 75 of us touched our puckered lips to wooden stocks and sucked air and then jumped into the racks with our "wives." We only did that once, but we got the idea. A combat soldier's relationship to his weapon is intimate: he undresses her, learns her parts by heart; he cleans her, puts her back together in the dark; he stays near, protecting, worshipping, holding her — "until death do us part."

To lose or abuse a rifle

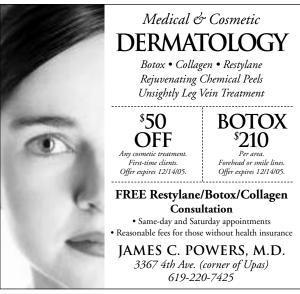
meant jail; in boot camp, jail was known as "CCP" -- Correctional Custody Platoon. Nothing kept a recruit more fearful than did the threat of being sent there; even the most recalcitrant recruit would lick a DI's boots to avoid it. Where our mornings began at four-thirty, theirs began at three; where our nights ended at nine, theirs went to midnight. During the hot days, they could be seen in one of two places: running to or from the mess hall (where they had less time to eat than us); or in the open area of the massive sand spit (upon which all of MCRD is built). There they dug for half the daylight hours, excavating a hole 50 feet across and deep enough to hit water; after lunch, they filled it back in. Always in the middle of the flying sand and dust were three or four "lazy" recruits doing pushups and squat thrusts. Everywhere the CCP went, they ran. Atop their heads were chromed-steel helmets; carried in their blistered hands were their heavy shovels. That is what we could see. At night, behind locked doors, their obscene treatment was the stuff of nightmarish rumors. Sentences ranged from one week to 30 days. To be sent there, a recruit simply had to talk back to a Drill Instructor or violate any order. In effect, all that separated a recruit's normal anguish from the incomprehensible despair of CCP was the whim of his Drill Instructor.

The next 21 days continued the already established routine, designed more to tear us down — mentally and physically — than to teach us anything useful in war. We drill endlessly across the black Grinder, learning obliques and flanks and leftshoulder-arms and to-the-

rear, and gradually the voices of the DIs begin to evolve into wordless songs. When things don't go right (always), we do them over. And when the Platoon Commander feels like it, we are marched into an unoccupied Quonset and tortured: We do leaning handstands, the toes of our boots supported by a top rack, forcing our body weight downward through the rifles we hold and into our knuckles that scrape against the concrete floor. We get into pushup-like positions, weight supported by elbows and toes, our chins dripping sweat into our cupped hands. We kneel and sit on our heels and extend backwards until the backs of our heads touch the floor — sometimes with the help of the DI's boot.

Inside sweltering classrooms (built of corrugated metal), we struggle to keep awake while sardonic instructors pontificate on the history of the corps and the evolution of the Marine salute and the three groups of officer ranks and the correct way to fold the flag and where to place the union when cov-

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ering a casket. Recruits who get caught nodding are taken outside and "exercised" in the sand.

We do PT daily, running, exercising, climbing ropes, doing chin-ups, lifting logs, and working with weights. My physical ability separates me from the average. I become a squad leader. Then I screw up and lose my position. I earn it back. Then I screw up. Every night I am in the Duty Hut, sensing what I think is the personal dislike of the Platoon Commander. He puts me in The Chair, pounds his fist into my diaphragm, screams at me to respond without air. The relentless routine takes its toll, and each day I feel weaker; eventually, I can

barely do a chin-up. We learn hand-to-hand combat. A black man with a carved physique stands above us; he wears spit-shined boots, sharply starched green utilities — cinched tight around a 30-inch waist — and a skintight T-shirt. The muscles of his arms and chest bulge. Atop his head is the brown campaign hat. Selecting a white boy for demonstration, he explains his purpose: to remove 18 years of sportsmanship and fair play from our minds. "Killing with your hands," he says, "is psychological." He grabs the back of the boy's head like a cantaloupe and sways him back and forth. Then pow! he slaps his other hand sharply against the boy's right eye. "The trick is to intimidate." The boy starts to lose his balance, but the instructor pulls him up by the head. "First, you tear out his eyeball." His fingers dig into the boy's socket. The boy grimaces. Black fingers mimic gouging and tug at the boy's tightly closed lid. The instructor's hand wraps into a fist. "Then hand it back, say, 'Hey, boy...here's yo' eyeball!" "The black man slips behind the boy. "Or say you get 'im like this." He sticks his fingers inside the boy's lips and pulls out the corners of his mouth. (We laugh uneasily.) The boy's eyes widen. "Watch out for the teeth! — 'less you wanna lose your fingers — then riphis mothe'fuckin' mouth back to the ears! Face jus' tears in half an' flaps down, drippin' blood an' spit an' shit." He grabs the boy's earlobes. "Pull back and up an'

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Nightly mail-call — our only connection to the outside world — was the single event looked forward to by every recruit. Unlike the constant sight of departing planes which made home seem so far away — mail, for a few moments, brought home to us. Like everything else, though, mail had its own element of terror. We had all written home imploring family and friends not to send packages or "treats" of any kind, and yet they sent the stuff anyway. Private Mouser received a dozen brownies, each wrapped in cellophane, and was ordered to eat everything — brownies, cellophane, box — in front of us. The term for contraband treats was "pogey bait" (an old sailors' term for sex with cabin boys). Every letter was palpated by the DIs for hidden sticks of gum or flattened cigarettes. The DIs kept a grotesque glob of matter gum, cigarettes, wrappers in a tin can. When a recruit received pogey bait in a letter, he would be ordered to chew it whole, along with as much of the previously masticated goo as he could chew. The sticky bolus would then be spit out and added to the growing glob.

Forty miles north of San Diego is Camp Pendleton, a huge expanse of sharply

rising hills, desert flora, and poisonous snakes. Showing the sentry my ID, I ask for directions to Edson Range, the place where recruits are trained in rifle marksmanship. As I drive the several miles to this range, I remember learning to shoot here and being told I was going to jail. Phase One had ended with a series of tests and then a week of mess duty. Even though we had to get up earlier and go to bed later, mess was like a vacation. Except to deliver us in the morning and return us in the night, the DIs were gone. The work was hard, the pace busy, but compared to what we'd been through, there was no stress.

For the first time, it was we who got to do some bossing around; it was cathartic, adding to the hell of justreceived boots. The rumor was that a week of mess was supposed to "humanize" us a little, before they put loaded rifles in our hands. Not all of us had made it this far; several recruits had been dropped into "special platoons" for various "rehabilitations." Private Eastburn was gone: the DIs had flourished in their goal to make him crazy. Eastburn was what the DIs called a "shitbird" — a recruit who brought the platoon's performance down. Every night they made him face a mirror, saluting, repeating "Sir! The private is crazy, *sir!*"

Marksmanship training lasted two weeks, with the first week called "snapping in"—a euphemism for agonizing pain. For hours each day, we lay on our bellies or sat cross-legged, contorting our elbows in response to the pull of rifle slings cinched around our biceps like tourniquets. We practiced "perfect sight-alignment" and proper trigger-



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squeeze and (very important) how to breathe. Our training was conducted by specialists — "Marksmanship DIs" — one for each recruit. For the majority of us, destined to be grunts in Vietnam, this training was the most serious phase of boot camp. Although the atmosphere was more relaxed, the strict adherence to boot camp regulations was not. Two recruits caught "sneaking a smoke" in the head (a numbingly stupid act) were stood before the entire series of 300 recruits and summarily sentenced to 30 days in jail. The condemned boys had the pathetic look of cabbage thieves sentenced to hang. A van pulled up and took them away. And then, the next day, I committed an inexplicable error — I left my rifle unlocked.

Called to the Duty Hut by Sgt. Nicholas, he tells me flatly, "Pack. You're going to jail." Every horrible pain in my life combined into the present — a walking nightmare I cannot shake. I move stunned to my locker, unable to comprehend eternal fire, just knowing that into that furnace I go. Recruits ask, "What's wrong?" My voice falters, tears ooze from my eyes, I tremble and choke — "CCP." No one says a word. No one can believe it. Then, from the Duty Hut, Sgt. Nicholas

"Private Westberg... report."

When I enter the Duty Hut he tells me to close the door.

"You made a liar out me," he says, no trace of emotion on his face. "There's a price. Understand?"

There is no price I will not pay in exchange for his pardon. The stranglehold of fear releases my throat, and I enthusiastically bark, "Sir! yes sir!"

For 30 minutes he puts me through the old tortures — Chinese Thinking Position, Elbows and Toes, The Chair — and ones of his own invention. Hanging from the top of a bunk-frame by my hands and chin, I hold the position. The muscles in my arms and fingers burn; my gut feels like it's going to rupture. I sink slowly, my throat and chin scraping against the iron frame. Exhausted, I am ordered into parade rest at a 30-degree angle to the floor, body straight, hands behind back,

the back of my head supported by the sharp edge of a desk. The desk begins to slide across the floor — my feet scurrying to adjust until it bashes against the wall. I drip in sweat. Final payment for my redemption is outside, in a sawdust pit. I am ordered to do 500 squat thrusts. Stripped to the waist, I begin, yelling my own cadence: "ONE — TWO — THREE — FOUR — I — LOVE—THE MARINE— CORPS!"The dust flies. Each one I do is counted off by an assigned recruit: "...21, 22, 23...100...200... 519, 520, 521." I stop — chest heaving, stomach sucking in and out, face smiling broadly and break into an intractable sob. The recruit keeping count — the black who beat me in the ring — shakes his head and mutters, "Shit, man." For a few moments I just stand, glistening and glorious — in a hole two feet The next week is spent

firing our weapons. I get good scores — until the bridge of my rifle cracks. I am issued another, which means starting from scratch - aiming, shooting, adjusting, and recording sight-settings in a little notebook. We shoot at targets from three different distances: 200, 300, and 500 meters. The day before we are to qualify my scores plunge. That afternoon, in the squad bay, the Platoon Commander has me hold my rifle by the front sling attachment (using thumbs and index fingers only) straight out from my body. As I stand grimacing, he speaks of the ignominy of a Marine who can't qualify with the rifle. On qualification day, I score 202 points and earn the badge of "Rifle Marksman."

We return to MCRD cocky and — so we think ready for war. The DIs treat us with the deference accorded Phase Three recruits. We are allowed to blouse our trousers and unbutton our collars. We march with pride and discipline, the euphonious shoosh, shoosh cadence of our worn boots proclaiming our superiority. We snarl at the "boots" who serve us in the mess hall and feel contempt at the sight of Phase One recruits in their tennis shoes and sweatshirts. The Platoon Commander is now concerned with our final standing in the series. Recruits who are having "knowledge problems" are assigned high-school graduates for tutors: I spend 45 minutes with Private Newman, teaching him that the spiral groove within the barrel of his M-14 is called "rifling."

One day, two of the biggest recruits — Privates Blitzer and Penn — are sent into a small storage room with two smaller recruits. Then he sends me in with the only recruit smaller than me — Private Myers. I have no idea what is going on until I enter the storage room: Blitzer and Penn are manhandling the two smaller recruits. Private Myers who looks like a mouse with a caved-in chest — looks petrified, his eyes glazed, his face trembling. Blitzer yells, "Hit him!" I say, "I can't do that." Blitzer and Penn grab Myers and start throwing him around the room.

That night, Private Quintana and three other Mexicans corner me in the head. The Mighty Quinn gets in my face

"Why beat on Myers?" he yells.

I shove him back. "Hey! Eskimo Pie!" I say. "Fuck off! I didn't touch him!"

On the final physical fitness test, I finish first out of the 300 recruits in our series. For this I will receive a meritorious promotion to Private First Class (one of only six in the series) and the Physical Excellence Award. The day before graduation, the Platoon Commander tells us what our specialties will be. Most of us will become 0311s — riflemen, grunts! — and cheer at the announcement. Private Newman will become a Forward Observer — a Marine who calls in artillery strikes. That night, a few of us sit inside the storage room, adding the final touches to our spitshined shoes, polishing our brass buckles, removing loose threads from our new uniforms, and talking about how great it will be after we graduate. Mostly, we talk about what we have been through, the hopelessness we once felt, the tortures and degradation we endured. For the first time in 11 weeks, we feel relaxed, unscared happy. Vietnam seems as far away and splendid as the stars. And, as our final hours tick away, we laugh so hard we cry. ■

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# **Gravity, Tomatoes, And Pot Without Soil**

#### Hydroponics Instruction

he disadvantage of selling hydroponics equipment is that everyone thinks that everyone buying this equipment is growing pot," says Bill Tall, owner of City Farmers Nursery. On Saturday, December 3, City Farmers Nursery is offering a course on growing tomatoes and basil in the winter using methods of hydroponics.

"Hydroponics is accelerated gardening," says Tall. "Plants grow 30 percent to 50 percent quicker because the roots don't have to fight the soil for food. You have more control over plant material and if you

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were to grow indoors you could control the amount of light, the type of light, and the amount of fertilizer

and water [the plant] gets."

Proponents of hydroponics insist that growing plants in soil hinders their growth. Soil can harbor pests, weeds, and bacteria that can be harmful to vegetation. "The best method would be to start with a small plant. Wash all the dirt off the roots, and plant it in a non-soil growing medium like perlite, rockwool, or a popular material called hydrocorn," advises Tall. "Perlite is made out of rocks that have been heated up and popped like popcorn. Rockwool is a rock that's heated and spun, and [hydrocorn] is little clay pebbles that have been fired and made so that they're porous. None of these are organic, they are natural materials organic will decompose. All these materials do is support the plant; they provide noth-

Simplyhydro.com lists seven kinds of

hydroponic systems, the most high-tech of which is the aeroponic system. In this type of system, "The roots hang in the air and are misted with nutrient solution. The mistings are usually done every few minutes. Because the roots are exposed to the air...[they] will dry out rapidly if the misting cycles are interrupted."

According to the site, the simplest type of hydroponic system is the wick system, in which "the nutrient solution is drawn into the growing medium from the reservoir with a wick." Growing mediums like perlite are recommended. "The biggest drawback of this system is that plants that are large or use large amounts of water may use up the nutrient solution faster than the wick(s) can supply it.'

The system most popular with teachers is the water culture system. To get started on this easy-to-create-in-the-classroom system one would need a watertight container, like an aquarium. "The platform that holds the plants is usually made of Styrofoam and floats directly on the nutrient solution. An air pump supplies air to the air stone that bubbles the nutrient solution and supplies oxygen to the roots of the plants." This system is perfect for leaf-lettuce, or "fast-growing, water-loving plants." In fact, very few plants other than lettuce will do well in this type of system.

"You can grow a plant without anything around the root, just in water, as long as there's the proper balance of oxygen, water, and nutrients getting into the root system," said Tall. "With the flood-anddrain system, you soak the roots in water for a period of time and drain it all away for a period of time and then resoak." There are



Hydroponic greenhouse

some plants that are not suited for hydroponics. "One crop you can't grow indoors is root crops [such as potatoes or carrots]."

Tall believes hydroponically grown fruits and veggies taste better "because they don't have to struggle to get the nutrients. Fertilizers are basically three main ingredients: nitrogen, which promotes new growth; phosphorus, which promotes flowers and fruiting; and potassium, which promotes root growth.'

Tall explains that when growing basil, one would choose a fertilizer that contains more nitrogen than phosphorus. Tomatoes require more nitrogen in the first stage of growth. When flowering is desired, adding phosphorus and changing the light source will result in blooms within a week. "Lighting, fertilizer, and temperature. That's how you tell a plant what to do, and they're

pretty responsive." Warm lighting encourages flowering, and cooler lighting is ideal for leafing and rooting.

"The initial setup is expensive," Tall says. "To grow a couple of small tomato plants...for a small setup it would be about 400 or 500 dollars' worth of equipment. But the equipment will last you a long

— Barbarella

**Hydroponics Class: How to Grow Tomatoes and Basil in the Winter** Saturday, December 3 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. **City Farmers Nursery** 4832 Home Avenue (cross street Euclid) **City Heights Cost: Free** Info: 619-284-6358

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#### BAJA

**50th Anniversary of "Pedro Páramo"** celebrated with readings in tribute to author Juan Rulfo, Thursday, December 1, 3 to 7 p.m., in Reading Room at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in the Zona Río).

Later on 1st, Jorge Zepeda presents "La Recepción Inicial" on *Pedro Páramo* at 7:30 p.m. Both events free. 011-52-664-687-9636.

Orquesta de Baja California plays selected "Brandenburg" concertos by J.S. Bach and pieces by Corelli, Thursday, December 1, 8 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street). \$20 U.S. 011-52-664-687-

**"Cortefusion,"** photography exhibit with work created between Los Angeles and Tijuana by Emilie

Halpern, Soo Kim, Allan de Souza, Julio Orozco, Roberto Romero, Molina and Sergio de la Torre opens with reception on Thursday, December 1, 7 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). 011-52-664-687-9636. Free. (TIJUANA)

**Nuts to You,** Baja California Dance Company presents *The Nutcracker* at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, December 2 and 3, at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). \$10 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

#### La Playa Masters of Motocross,

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**Walk Against AIDS**, Sunday, December 4, starting at 9 a.m. at AFABI Building (#2725 Avenida Río, Colonia Revolución). 011-52-664-686-5071. (TIJUANA)

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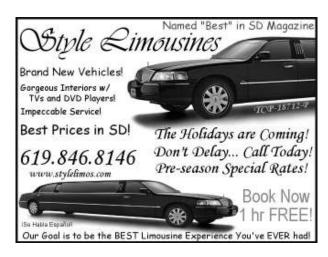
#### **OUTDOORS**

**Atmospheric Ice-Crystal Effects** are often observed, starting this time of year, because of the fre-

quent appearance of high clouds made of tiny bits of ice. The most familiar of these optical effects is the 22°-radius halo, or ring, around the sun or the moon. Less often seen is a "corona" (a colored disk around the sun or moon not the same as the solar corona seen during total eclipse), "sundogs" (colored arcs left and right of the sun), the sun pillar (a vertical column of light above the rising or setting sun), and a host of other rare and inconspicuous optical phenomena. All of the optical effects mentioned are a consequence of sunlight or moonlight refracting through or reflecting from the tiny facets of ice crystals in cirrus and other types of high clouds

**Very Low Tides** early this month coincide with good times of the day for tidepooling: Thursday, December 1, at 3:24 p.m. (-1.2 feet); Friday at 4:07 p.m. (-1.6 feet); and Saturday at 4:55 p.m. (-1.2 feet). Very high tides will also occur within that string of days: Thursday at 8:07 a.m. (+6.7 feet); Friday at 8:45 a.m. (+6.8 feet); and Saturday at 9:26 a.m. (+6.7 feet).

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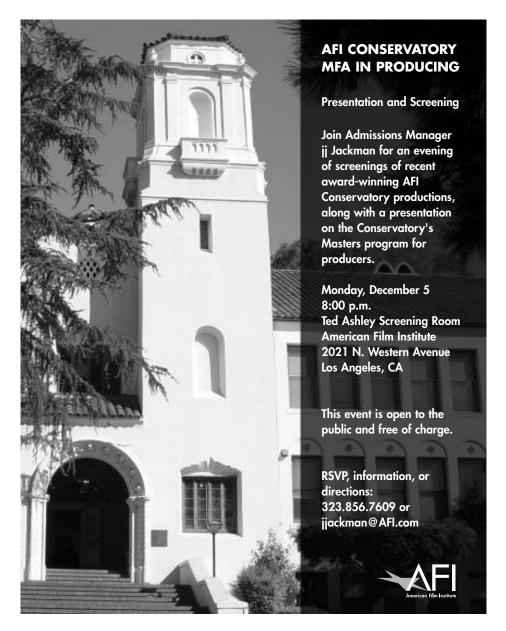
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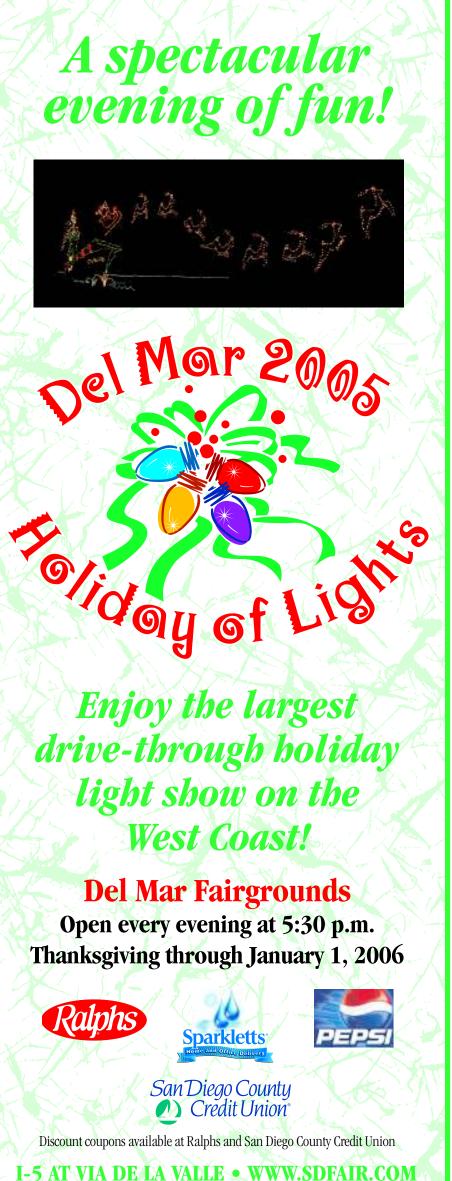
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Friends of Normal Heights Canyons clear brush, remove trash, prepare for native plant garden - join the friends to help, Saturday, December 3, 8 a.m. to noon, at corner of West Mountain View and Adams Avenue. Free. 619-283-9862. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Trek to Maidenhair Falls with Canyoneers explorers, Saturday, December 3, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Easy to moderate hike, six-mile round trip on mostly flat terrain; climb becomes steep nearing falls. Free. Directions: 619-255-0203. (ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK)

More Walk, Less Talk, naturalists Simone Green and Barbara Van Horne conduct moderate/strenuous walk in northwest corner of Daley Ranch, Saturday, December 3. Learn how plants were used for food, medicine, clothing, building supplies. Meet at Cougar Pass entrance at 9 a.m. Requested reservations: 760-839-4680. (ESCONDIDO)

**Explore Downtown Escondido** during walking tour led by Escondido Citizens Ecology Committee, Saturday, December 3, 11 a.m., starting at southeast corner of Broadway and Grand Avenue. 760-743-8207. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

Guided Nature Walk, Saturday, December 3, 9:30 a.m., in Marian Bear Memorial Park (at west side of park, at Regents Road entrance). 858-581-9961. Free. Bring binoculars, drinking water. (CLAIREMONT)

Birding the Marsh, Chula Vista Nature Center hosts guided birdwatching hikes around Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge, Saturday, December 3, 8 a.m.; and Sunday, December 4, 11 a.m. Reservations: 619-409-5903. Free. (CHULA VISTA)

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#### A GUIDE TO UNEXPECTED SAN DIEGO AND BEYOND I BY JERRY SCHAD

The 1574-acre Mount Gower Open Space Preserve was hard-hit by the Cedar Fire of October 2003. Today, after the extraordinarily wet 2004–05 rainfall year and after a first wave of precipitation in the current rainy

season, Mount Gower's postfire shade of gray and black is well on its way to being completely erased.

Some of the larger live oak and sycamore trees hunkering down along the ravines have seen several fire cycles. They promptly bounced back in the months following the Cedar Fire, a bit more gnarled-looking than before. The chaparral, which dominates the preserve, had to start from scratch. Species such as chamise, sugar bush, and Lord's candle yucca did so almost immediately, bootstrapping upward from undamaged root systems with brave displays of fresh, green foliage.

The Mount Gower preserve property, formerly a tract of surplus federal land under Bureau of Land Management jurisdiction, was transferred to

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San Diego County's parks and recreation department about two decades ago. Eight miles of trail were unobtrusively cut into landscape here in the early 1990s, for use by hikers, equestrians, and mountain bikers. In the next few years — before the regrown chaparral reaches head height again — these trails will likely offer unobstructed views in a variety of directions. Pick one of the crystalline, sunny days characteristic of much of December and January for best results.

To reach the Mount Gower preserve, follow either Wildcat Canyon Road or San Vicente Road into the San Diego Country Estates rural residential community. Turn left (north) on Gunn Stage Road and continue 1.8 miles to the preserve entrance. Drive another onequarter mile on a gravel road to a fenced staging area and trailhead

The trail system has two main branches. The meandering west trail, 1.8 miles long, leads to a 2310foot viewpoint on top of a barren ridge. This is worth the effort on the clearest days, when the vista includes the Coronado Islands, Point Loma, the San Gabriel Mountains behind Los Angeles, and a long roster of San Diego County high points.

The more difficult, rambling trail into the south part of the preserve extends about 4.5 miles. If a short hike is your preference, a mere mile of easy walking on

the start of this trail takes you to a pleasant rest area overlooking oak-

the preserve, where you can look straight down on San Vicente Valley and the

#### **MOUNT GOWER**

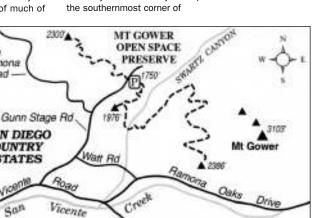
Mount Gower Open Space Preserve, outside Ramona, rises from the ashes of the Cedar Fire.

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lined Swartz Canyon. From there, you may follow a short spur trail up to a 1976-foot peaklet perched over San Diego Country Estates and San Vicente Valley.

Onward on the main, south trail, a series of Sisyphian ascents and descents takes you across a small stream in Swartz Canyon and then northeast along an undulating ridgeline. After a definitive turn to the south, that same trail crookedly and tediously makes its way to

low-density suburban sprawl that fills it. Well shy of that southernmost destination, however, you'll notice three summits - all just over 3100 feet in elevation — looming in the east on lands under the jurisdiction of Cleveland National Forest. The south summit is designated Mount Gower, 3103 feet. Adventurous peak baggers have made their way eastward over granite bedrock slabs to reach all three of these viewful high



Clean Up! Learn the difference between native plants and weeds and help clean up around Buena Audubon Nature Center, Saturday, December 3, 8 to 10 a.m. Bring weeding tools, gloves if you have them; water. Free. Find center at 2202 South Coast Highway; 760-439-2473. (OCEANSIDE)

Wildlife Assist Volunteers rescuing wild animals in trouble. Orientation for volunteers planned Saturday, December 3, at Clairemont Community Service Center (behind Vons, at 4731 Clairemont

Drive) and Escondido Library (239 South Kalmia Street).

Programs repeat Sunday, December 4, at Encinitas Community Center (1140 Oakcrest Park Drive) and at Tijuana Estuary visitors' center (301 Caspian Way). 2 p.m. Free.

619-921-6044. (CLAIREMONT, ESCON-DIDO, ENCINITAS, IMPERIAL BEACH)

Basic Birding program by Tom Troy, Saturday, December 3, 9 a.m., at Buena Vista lagoon landing. Emphasis on using binoculars, spotting scopes, field guides, local resources. Free. Directions: 760 - 439 - 2473. (OCEANSIDE)

Nature Hike, mountain naturalist Clint Powell leads nature hikes around Lake Cuyamaca the first Sunday of every month, including December 4, 1 p.m. Three-hour hike covers about 3.5 miles. Bring binoculars. Day-use fee: \$6 per car. Lake Cuvamaca Recreation and Park District center, 15027 Highwav 79. 877-581-9904, 619-447-8123. (IUILIAN)

Take a Walk Through Geological Time during outing at Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve, see "a rare fossil," preserve's waterfall, Sunday, December 4, 9 a.m. to noon. Route follows steep trail; bring water. Meet group in cul-desac on south side of Calle Cristobal (at Caminito Propico). Free. 858-484-3219. (MIRA MESA)

The Waxing Crescent Moon and Venus once again form an attractive pair over the southwest horizon around one-half hour after sunset on Sunday, December 4. Venus reaches "greatest brilliancy" during its current evening apparition on Thursday, December 8, blazing brighter than we've ever seen it this year. In late December and early January Venus will appear to plunge toward the sun during successive twilight periods. Subsequently it will reappear as a "morning star" in the east by mid-January.

Earliest Sunset (4:43 p.m. from San Diego) occurs December 6, a date that is not coincident with the shortest day (winter solstice - December 21) because of factors relating to the noncircular shape of the Earth's orbit around the sun and the tilt of Earth's axis. Early December is a good time to view the setting sun from the spectacular vantage point of Cabrillo National Monument at the tip of Point Loma. During most of the year, you can't do that since sunset occurs well after the park's closing time of 5:15 p.m.

**Guided Nature Stroll at Old** Mission Dam, designed for those with limited mobility and others, Tuesday, December 6, 10 a.m., in Mission Trails Regional Park, Kumeyaay Lake Campground (Two Father Junípero Serra Trail). Focus on history of dam, park ecology, interaction of local plants, animals,



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World Beat, belly dancing by Sabrina and Shalimar to music by Damaru, Thursday, December 1, 8 p.m., at Claire de Lune Coffeehouse (2906 University Avenue). Donation: \$5, 619-688-9845. (NORTH PARK)

"On the Edge" — senior dance concert with contemporary dance choreographed by Leah Beaulac and Erica Beuchner, Friday and Saturday, December 2 and 3, 8 p.m., in Dance Studio Theatre (ENS-200) at San Diego State University. \$10 general. 619-594-6824.

"Shapes and Reflections," MiraCosta's Dance Art Ensemble displays modern, jazz, ballet, hiphop, ballroom, and world dance in performances Friday through Sunday, December 2-4, at MiraCosta Theatre (One Barnard Drive). Shows at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, with 2 p.m. matinees on Saturday and Sunday. \$10. 760-795-6815. (OCEANSIDE)

Contradance, Hey Wire makes music, Steve Barlow calls for contradance, Friday, December 2, 8 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Beginners' workshop at 7:30 p.m. \$7. Wear soft-soled shoes, 619-283-8550, (NORTH PARK)

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Introduction to Flamenco Dance by Marisol Lopez, Saturdays, December 3 and 10, 10 a.m. to noon, at Capoeira Brasil Cultural Center (2804 Kettner Boulevard). Palmas, braceo, footwork, body movement isolation, melody. singing, music awareness. \$70. 619-846-5030, (LITTLE ITALY)

International Folk Dancing, Saturday, December 3, at Dancing Unlimited (4569 30th Street), Easy dances taught by Mary Marshall. 7:30-8:30 p.m., followed by dancing to live music by Eastern Exposure, 8:30 p.m. \$6. 619-281-5656. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Ballroom Tea Dance, 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, December 4, at Cheek 2 Cheek Dance Studio (909 Grand Avenue). Big-band and ballroom favorites played by DJ Cal Senechal. \$5. 858-270-7100. First Sunday of each month. (PA-

"Swing-n-Soul" Dance hosted by CafeSavoy Swing Productions, Sunday, December 4, at Kava Lounge (2812 Kettner Boulevard). Introduction to swing lesson (7:30 p.m.), live music by Smokestaxx (8:30 p.m. to midnight). \$10. 858-395-6060.

"Celebrating the Holiday Season" is theme for Sufi dancing led by Toni Michael on Monday, December 5, 7:30 p.m., First Unitarian Universalist Church

THE MOST FAMOUS scream in film history King Kong, Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Wednesday, December 7.

<u>OUT & ABOUT</u>

(SEE FILM)



(4190 Front Street, room 112). Live music. \$3. 619-692-3079. (HILL CREST)

Anaheim Ballet presents selections from its diverse repertoire for First Wednesday series, December 7, 4 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Tickets: free, available on a first-come, first-served basis. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

#### FILM

**Going Downhill Reaches New** Heights in Warren Miller's Higher Ground, screening around county, December 1-4. Film features skiers and snowboarders pushing their limits across the globe. Tickets: \$18, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS).

Higher Ground opens Thursday, December 1, 6 and 9 p.m., at La Paloma Theatre (471 South Coast Highway 101; 760-4367469). Screenings at 8 p.m. on Friday, December 2, and at 6 and 9 p.m. on Saturday, December 3, at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street: 858-454-3541). See flick at 4 and 7 p.m. on Sunday, December 4, at Carlsbad Village Theatre (2822 State Street; 760-729-0089). (ENCINITAS, LA JOLLA, CARLSBAD)

The Documentary Modern Pharaoh — chronicling a female Western filmmaker's efforts to gain more than a five-word soundbite from media-savvy, bombastic, and famous Egyptian archaeologist Dr. Zahi Hawass" may be seen when Archaeological Institute of America convenes on Friday, December 2, 7:15 p.m., in room G-101 at San Diego Mesa College (7250 Mesa College Drive). Filmmaker Patti Rabbitt will answer questions afterwards. Free. 619-232-6203 x119. (KEARNY MESA)

The Chinese Film House of Flying Daggers screens for International Film Series at MiraCosta College, Friday, December 2. See film at 1 p.m. in room 204 at Mira-Costa's San Elijo campus (3333 Manchester Avenue). Film also screens at 7 p.m. in room 3601 on campus at One Barnard Drive. 760-795-6612. Free. In Chinese with English subtitles. (CARDIFF, OCEANSIDE)

"Secret Cinema Salon," Sunday, December 4, 7 p.m., at Media Arts Center San Diego (921 25th Street). Rare and notable films from past, present, future of world cinema screened, then discussed. Requested donation: \$5. 619-230-1938 x123. (GOLDEN HILL)

How About a "Gleeful Snapshot of Intergenerational Woe"? See Peter Riegert's King of the Corner, starring Riegert, Eli Wallach, Isabella Rossellini, when the 2005 film screens for Film Forum, Monday, December 5, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-236-5800. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

"Life Is Beautiful" screens during First Tuesday Films series exploring "controversial social issues," December 6, 6:30 p.m., at Escondido Library (239 South Kalmia Street). Discussion follows. Free, 760-839-4656, (ESCONDIDO)

The Most Famous Scream in History? See King Kong (1933) when classic screens Wednesday, December 7, 7 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street), \$7, 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

"Race Is the Place" screens Wednesday, December 7, 6 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Film is described as a iam that combines racially charged clips from old movies with interviews and performances. Free. Reservations: 619-594-2491. (DOWNTOWN)

#### LECTURES

Tasty Tomatoes and Basil in Winter? Learn how soil-less growing allows for year-round crops on Saturday, December 3, 1 p.m., at City Farmer's Nursery (4832 Home Avenue). Free. 619-284-6358. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Painting From Photographs is considered when pastel artist Alicia Sotherland speaks for Pastel Society of San Diego on Sunday, December 4, 1:30 p.m., at Mission Valley Library (2123 Fenton Parkway). Free; bring potluck item to share. 619-470-7117. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Science and Religion: The Stem Cell Debate and Beyond" presented by Larry Goldstein, M.D., and Mary Deveraux (director of UCSD's Biomedical Ethics seminar), Sunday, December 4, 7 p.m., at St. James by-the-Sea (743 Prospect Street). Suggested reservations: 858-459-3421. (LA JOLLA)

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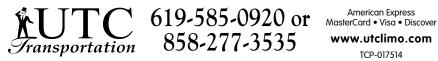
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**Expand Your Winter Sports** Repertoire, "Ski and Snowboard Essentials" imparted Tuesday, December 6, 7 p.m., at REI San Diego (5556 Copley Drive). Free. 858-279-4400. (KEARNY MESA)

Don't Wear Fur, Discuss It when "Animal Rights - Has PETA Gone Too Far?" is subject Wednesday, December 7, 7 p.m., at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). 619-295-7911. (HILLCREST)

Tour the Night Sky during "The Sky Tonight" planetarium show at Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 7 p.m., Wednesday, December 7. View real sky through telescopes (weather permitting) after show. 619-238-1233. \$6.75 general. (BALBOA PARK)

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#### <u>OUT & ABOUT</u>

#### EXPAND YOUR WINTER

sports repertoire — "Ski and Snowboard Essentials," REI San Diego, Tuesday, December 6.

(SEE LECTURES)



"European Old Masters" pondered during Insight Gallery Talks by curator Steven Kern, Thursday, December 8 (6 p.m.), and Sunday, December 11 (2 p.m.), at San Diego Museum of Art. Included in regular admission. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

#### IN PERSON

Shakespeare's Macbeth is performed by Saint Augustine High School thespians, December 1-4,

at Stephen and Mary Birch North Park Theatre (2895 University Avenue). Performances begin at 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, with 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday. \$14. 619-895-0531. (NORTH PARK)

Life in a Grand Old Saloon is illuminated in I.R. Moehringer's acclaimed memoir The Tender Bar. which he'll discuss and sign, Thursday, December 1, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

Audience Members Help **Decide Outcome of Trial** when Mount Carmel High School actors present White Wash, December 1-10, at Mount Carmel High School (9550 Carmel Mountain Road). Curtain rises at 7 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays, with 2 p.m. matinee on December 10.

"Elevated," poetry reading featuring spoken-word artist Rudy Francisco, Thursday, December 1, 8 p.m., at World Beat Center (2100 Park Boulevard), \$5, 619-795-9587. (BALBOA PARK)

858-484-9617. (RANCHO PENASOUITOS)

**Christmas Concert** benefiting St. Clare's Home with MC Larry Himmel, Benny Hollman Orchestra, sign-language artists, Festival Choir of San Rafael parish, more, Thursday, December 1, 7 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Tickets: 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO

"Garfield" Comic Strip Creator Jim Davis visits Hallmark Galleries of La Iolla on December 2 and 3, during sale of his original comic strips, acrylic paintings, animation cells, pencil drawings. Davis will be on hand 6 to 10 p.m. on Friday and 1 to 3 p.m. and 6 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, at 1162 Prospect Street. Free. Reservations: 858-551-8108. (LA JOLLA)

"Mexterminator vs. the Global Predator" presented by "frenetic experimental artist" Guillermo Gómez-Peña for Sushi Performance and Visual Art, 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, December 2 and 3, at St. Cecilia's Plavhouse (1620 Sixth Avenue). Adrian Arancibia opens with ¡avisale!...exile in aztlan. \$20 general. 619-235-8468. (HILLCREST)

**UCSD Jazz Chamber Ensemble** in concert, Friday, December 2, 5 p.m., in Erickson Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center, Free, 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

Legendary Comedy, Second City takes stage December 2-4 at Harrah's Rincon Casino and Resort (777 Harrah's Rincon Way). Performances begin at 8:30 p.m. on Friday, 7 and 9 p.m. on Saturday, 3 and 7 p.m. on Sunday. \$35. 866-468-3399. (VALLEY CENTER)

"The Happening," Butterworth Dance Company's annual evening of dance, merrymaking, silent auction, Saturday, December 3, 6 to 9 p.m., at Pattie Wells Dancetime Center (1255 West Morena Boulevard). Performances by company members, Pandeli Lazaridi, dancers from Pattie Well's Dancetime. \$25 at door. 619-501-5037.

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**Pulitzer Prize-Winning Author** Doris Kearns Goodwin discusses and signs her latest book, Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln, during dinner

event, Saturday, December 3, 6 p.m., in Padres Auditorium at Petco Park. \$75 includes dinner, copy of Team of Rivals. Reservations: 619-687-3580. (EAST VILLAGE)

San Diego Author Jack Scheffler Innis discusses and signs San Diego Legends: The Events, People, and Places That Made History, Saturday, December 3, 11 a.m., at Campo-Morena Village Library (31356 Highway 94). Free. 619-478-5945. (MORENA VILLAGE)

Texas Native Terri Hendrix performs her version of roots rock for San Diego Folk Heritage, Saturday, December 3, 7:30 p.m., at San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). \$15. 858-566-4040. (ENCINITAS)

"Eve Selis and Friends — Songs of the Season" presented by Eve Selis, Tim Flannery, Mary Dolan, Berkley Hart, and Carmel Del Mar Elementary Kids Chorus, Saturday, December 3, 7:30 p.m., at Carlsbad Village Theatre (2822 State Street). \$20, \$30. 760-815-1952. (CARLSBAD)

**Victor Herbert's Musical Babes** in Toyland to "delight young and old alike," Saturday, December 3, 4 and 7:30 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Tickets: \$20-\$45. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

"Conscious Comedy Explosion" with Mooney Twins, Saturday, December 3, 8 p.m., at Arts and Entertainment Center (3026 University Avenue). Also on program: Kuntry the Comedian, spokenword performers Sherehe Roze, Ishe, Rudy Francisco, \$15 at door. 619-819-7838. (NORTH PARK)

"An Evening with Douglas **Gresham"** — the stepson of C.S. Lewis and co-producer of The Chronicles of Narnia offers insights on movie, plays movie clips, shares stories of his life, Saturday, December 3, 7 p.m., at Aviara Oaks Middle School (6880 Ambrosia Lane). Free. 760-602-0722. (LA COSTA)

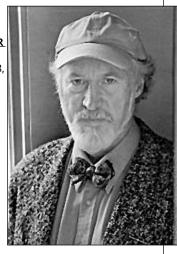
OUT & ABOUT

**SOUTHERN AUTHOR** Allan Gurganus reads Thursday, December 8, Hugh C. Hyde Living Writers Series,

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The Lost Dogs folk rock trio performs with Dead Rock West, Saturday, December 3, 8 p.m., at Acoustic Expressions (2852 Uni-

Orchestra performs Sunday, December 4, 1:30 p.m., at Museum of Making Music (5790 Armada Drive). Student singers will take on selections from Broadway shows and pieces by Mozart, Scarlatti, 3 p.m. on Sunday (\$20). 619-574-Massenet, Bizet. Free. 760-795-

> Holiday Open House and reception with classical guitar music by Miles Moynier, book discussion by Martha Pope Gorris (Parenting 20-Something Kids — Recognizing Your Role as They Find Their Way), on Sunday, December 4, 4 to 7 p.m., at Open Door Books (4761 Cass Street). Free. 858-270-8642. (PACIFIC BEACH)

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**Lighthouse** plays tunes in "gospel bluegrass tradition" for band night hosted by San Diego North County Bluegrass and Folk Club on Tuesday, December 6, 7 p.m., at Round Table Pizza (1161 East Washington Street). Free. 760-724-1785. (ESCONDIDO)

Klezmer Music promised when musician/historian/playwright, author Yale Strom and vocalist Elizabeth Schwartz perform Tuesday, December 6, 1 p.m., at College Avenue Senior Center at Beth Jacob Synagogue (4855 College Avenue). \$5. 619-583-3300. (COLLEGE GROVE)

**Full o' Fun,** author Sandra Boynton signs *Dog Train: A Wild Ride on the Rock-and-Roll Side*, Wednesday, December 7, 3 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Gi-

rard Avenue; 858-454-0347). Free. (LA JOLLA)

**Quirky Jazz Pianist Dave Frishberg** — think "My Attorney Bernie" — performs for Jazz in the Park series, Wednesday, December 7, 5:30 p.m., San Diego Museum of Art. \$17. Reservations: 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Poetry Unlimited showcases poetry and art by JohnnieRenee N. Nelson, who has published five volumes of Kwanzaa poetry, along with music by Devora Susman and others, Wednesday, December 7, 5 p.m., at Florence Riford Library (7555 Draper Avenue). Open readings follow. Free. 858-552-1657 (JA 1011A)

"Cool Yule" presented by North Coast Singers youth chorus, with members 6–18, Wednesday, December 7, 7 p.m., at San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). \$10 general. 760-944-1866. "Winter Songs" presented December 10. (ENCINITAS)

**Celebrate** 2006 Magee Park Poets Anthology during publication party, Wednesday, December 7, 7 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Poets included in anthology will read from their work. Free. 760-602-2012. (LA COSTA)

**Southern Author** Allan Gurganus reads from, discusses his work for Hugh C. Hyde Living Writers Series, Thursday, December 8. His novels include *Oldest Living Confederate Widow Tells All* and *Plays Well With Others*. Reading starts at 7 p.m. in room 2203 of Malcolm A. Love Library at San Diego State University. Free. 619-594-4991. (SDSU)

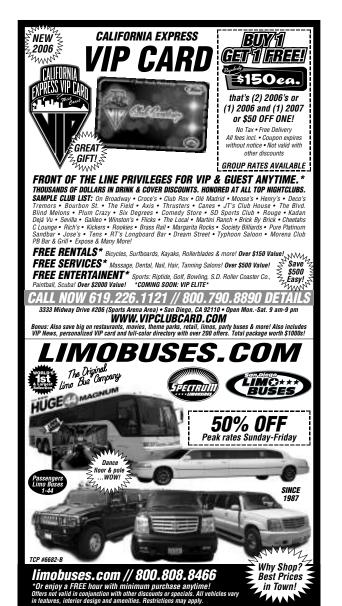
From Lestat to Christ — Anne Rice signs Christ the Lord: Out of Egypt, Thursday, December 8, 6 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Rice describes the work as a "novel about Jesus as a child, a boy of seven...the story is told from His point of view." Books for signing must be purchased from Warwick's. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)











# Poetry |

## **THE DAY LADY DIED**

It is 12:20 in New York a Friday three days after Bastille day, yes it is 1959 and I go get a shoeshine because I will get off the 4:19 in Easthampton at 7:15 and then go straight to dinner and I don't know the people who will feed me

I walk up the muggy street beginning to sun and have a hamburger and a malted and buy an ugly NEW WORLD WRITING to see what the poets in Ghana are doing these days

I go on to the bank and Miss Stillwagon (first name Linda I once heard) doesn't even look up my balance for once in her life and in the GOLDEN GRIFFIN I get a little Verlaine for Patsy with drawings by Bonnard although I do think of Hesiod, trans. Richmond Lattimore or Brendan Behan's new play or Le Balcon or Les Negres of Genet, but I don't, I stick with Verlaine after practically going to sleep with quandariness

and for Mike I just stroll into the PARK LANE Liquor Store and ask for a bottle of Strega and then I go back where I came from to 6th Avenue and the tobacconist in the Ziegfeld Theatre and casually ask for a carton of Gauloises and a carton of Picayunes, and a NEW YORK POST with her face on it

and I am sweating a lot by now and thinking of leaning on the john door in the 5 SPOT while she whispered a song along the keyboard

to Mal Waldron and everyone and I stopped breathing

- Frank O'Hara



Frank O'Hari

#### **SPORTS**

National Tennis Hardcourt Championships continue through Sunday, December 4, at La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club (2000 Spindrift Drive). Free for spectators. 858-454-6500. (LA JOLLA)

**Becky Stuart Invitational Race**, Saturday, December 3, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Harbor Beach. 858-481-4026. (OCEANSIDE)

A Flat Ride With Small Hills is promised when Bicycle Touring Society riders head out for "Bonsall Blast," Sunday, December 4. Join bicyclists at 8:45 a.m. at Doyle Park (8175 Regents Road at Nobel Drive). Lunch in Bonsall. 619-561-3846. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

**San Diego Gulls** host hockey games against Johnstown Chiefs, December 3 and 4, at iPayOne Center. Puck drops at 7:05 p.m. on Saturday, 5:05 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$12 to \$25, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SPORTS ARENA)

Ken King's Kulture Klassic, bicycle through Stuart Collection at UCSD with Knickerbikers bicyclists, Saturday, December 3. The 25-miler starts at 10 a.m. at Mandel Weiss Theatre (at La Jolla Village Drive and Torrey Pines Road). After cruising campus, take Biological Grade down to La Jolla Shores. Bring money for picnic sandwich. 619-450-0373. (LA JOLLA)

**Inland High School Surfers** compete at La Jolla Shores, Saturday and Sunday, December 3 and 4. Free for spectators. 760-931-1450. (LA JOLLA)

**Dog Paddle,** bring your dog out for a paddle on Saturday, December 3, 9 a.m., at Allen's Kayaks (819 Fernando Place). Equipment included in \$30 fee per person; canines free. Reservations: 858-488-5599. (LA JOLLA SHORES)

**Lake San Vicente Beginning Kayak** hosted by San Diego Natural History Museum, Saturday, December 3, 9 a.m. Lots of wildlife to see, hidden inlets to discover. Fee: \$65 for adults, \$20 per child 6–12 in double kayak with parent. Reservations: 619-255-0203. (LAKESIDE)

**Poinsettia Regatta**, Saturday, December 3, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at Oceanside Yacht Club. Details: 760-722-5751. (OCEANSIDE)

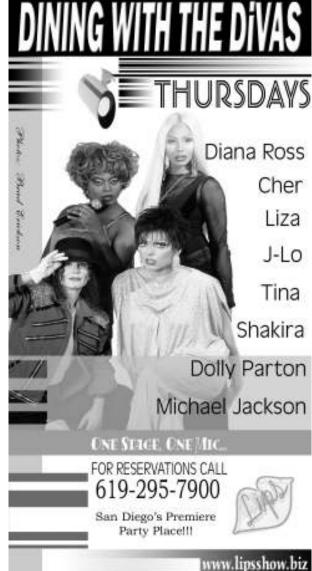
**2006 Pro-Am Surf Series** competition on Saturday and Sunday, December 3 and 4, at Scripps Pier. 760-607-1225. (LA JOLLA)

**Saddlebred Horse Show,** Saturday and Sunday, December 3 and 4, at Del Mar Horsepark (14550 El Camino Real). Free. 858-794-1171. (DEL MAR)

San Diego Chargers host Oakland Raiders, Sunday, December 4, 5:30 p.m., in Qualcomm Stadium. Tickets: 619-220-TIXS. Broadcast on ESPN. (MISSION VALLEY)

2005 Christmas Benefit Horseshoe Tournament, Sun-









# Reading

#### **De Kooning's Bicycle: Artists and** Writers in the Hamptons



**By Robert Long** Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2005; \$23; 240 pages

#### FROM THE DUST JACKET:

Some of the 20th Century's most important artists and writers — from Jackson Pollock to Saul Steinberg, Frank O'Hara to Jean Stafford - lived and worked on the East End of Long Island years before it assumed an alternate identity as the Hamptons. The home they made there, and its effect on their work, is the subject of these lyrical vignettes by the critic and poet Robert Long.

Pollock moved to Springs because he thought he wanted to stop drinking, but he found a connection to nature there that inspired some of the most significant paintings of our time. Others followed him. When Fairfield Porter bought a house in Southampton, the New York School had a new headquarters, and James Schuyler and Frank O'Hara found companionship and raw material for their poems on South Main

Street and on the three-hour train ride between the city and the East End. Willem de Kooning rode his bike every day between his studio in the East Hampton woods and the bay, where the light informed every brushstroke he put to canvas from the early 1960s on

In De Kooning's Bicycle, Long mixes storytelling with history to re-create the lives and events that shaped American art and literature as we know it today, in a landscape where town met country and the modern met America's rural past.

#### WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

Publishers Weekly: Critic and poet Long illustrates how the East End of Long Island indelibly etched a mark on the style and work processes of the abstract impressionists and their artistically minded friends.

The New York Times: Long, the art critic for The East Hampton Star...does not shy away from the alcoholism, vanity, and perfidy that ran through his heroes' lives, but there is a wistfulness to his tone, a sense that, were it possible, he would have liked more than anything to have been a part of it all.

The New York Sun: Robert Long writes like the poet he is...a hymn to the East End of Long Island, and of the influence it had on a few great American painters and writers

#### ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Robert Long is the art critic for The East Hampton Star, the author of four books of poetry, and a contributor to The New Yorker and Partisan Review, among other publications. He lives in East Hampton, New York.

#### A CONVERSATION WITH THE **AUTHOR:**

Robert Long was born in 1954. He spent school years in New York City. Summers, his parents left the city for the Hamptons. "I was a summer kid," Mr. Long said. Long's first year in the Hamptons was 1956, the year that Jackson Pollock died. When Long was 16, his family moved, he writes, to "the Springs, the working-class hamlet outside of East Hampton Village, several miles north of the Montauk Highway, in a marshy neighborhood near Gardiners Bay called Maidstone Park, one of the Montauketts' fishing grounds. It was just down the road from the places where Jackson Pollock died, Frank O'Hara drank gimlets, Jean Stafford stared out her study window, and Willem de Kooning rode his Royce Union three-speed, white hair and work shirt flapping."

Newsday writes this about the area: "The Springs refers to the freshwater springs at the head of Accabonac Creek, which was named for the area's profusion of nuts. 'Bonacker' originally meant a person who lived on Accabonac Harbor and was something of a hick.

Mr. Long attended high school in New York and in the Hamptons. He went to college at Long Island University and to graduate school at Goddard College. "In the late '80s the MFA program at Goddard was remarkable. On the faculty were Raymond Carver and Tobias Wolff and Donald Hall and Louise Glueck and Richard

"The students were interesting too – Mark Doty and Mary Karr, Dennis McFarland. I finished graduate school at Vermont College. I was teaching already by

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day, December 4, at bayside at Jersey Court. Open-entry tournament benefits first graders at King/Chavez Primary Academy. \$15 entry fee; donations welcome. 808-782-6024. (MISSION BEACH)

#### World Team-Tennis League

for adults begins in January at locations throughout county. Men and women compete in co-ed format; matches played Tuesday evenings or Sundays during day. Entry fee is \$200 per team.

Tennis mixer and registration party, Sunday, December 4, noon to 4 p.m., at Surf and Turf Tennis Club (15555 Jimmy Durante Boulevard). Free. 619-992-0023. (DEL MAR)

SPECIAL

Looking for Unique Art

Objects? The 37th annual stu-

dent art and pottery sale at Palomar College runs December 1-3,

near Howard Brubeck Theatre (1140 West Mission Road). Hours:

9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. 760-744-1150. (SAN MARCOS) December Nights, crafts, carol-

ers, music, refreshments, and free

admission to museums in park-

wide annual celebration, Friday,

December 2, and Saturday, De-

cember 3, 5 to 9 p.m. 619-239-0512. Free. (BALBOA PARK

San Diego Strong Ale Festival is Friday, December 2 (4 to p.m.) and Saturday, December 3 (11 a.m. to 11 p.m.), at Pizza Port (571 Carlsbad Village Drive). Beers from all over western United States with over eight percent alcohol showcased. \$20 fee includes tasting glass, six tastes; \$1 for additional samples. 760-720-7007. (CARLSBAD)

Coronado Christmas Open House and Parade begins on Friday, December 2, when Santa arrives at the Ferry Landing at 5 p.m. Parade starts at 6 p.m. at

Orange Avenue and 8th Street and ends at Dana Place. Fireworks display at 8:30 p.m. Free. 619-437-8788. (CORONADO

Art in the Valley, Carmel Valley Artists host 42nd annual winter show and sale, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Saturday, December 3, at Karl Strauss Brewery Gardens (9675 Scranton Road). Thirtyeight artists exhibit work in variety of media. Free admission. 760-945-6922. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

**Encinitas Holiday Parade** along Highway 101, from D Street to J Street, starts at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 3. 760-633-2740. (ENCINITAS)

Carl Jung's Stages of Life is subject when Great Books Reading and Discussion Group meets, Saturday, December 3, 2 p.m., in thirdfloor conference room, San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 858-755-8978. Free. Newcomers welcome. (DOWNTOWN)

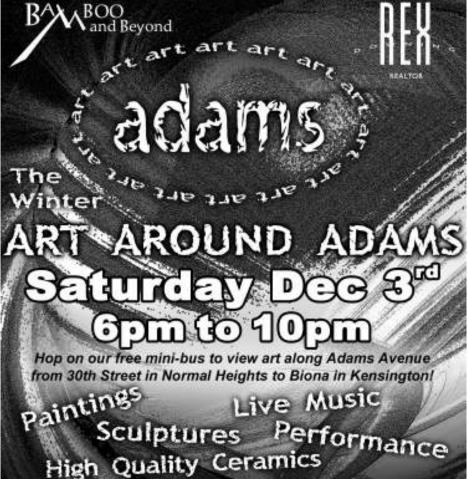
California Wolf Center hosts public programs focusing on North American gray wolves every Saturday at 2 p.m. Programs include slide show, visit and tour with resident wolf pack. Tickets: \$8 general, \$5 for seniors, \$4 for children ten and younger. Required reservations: 619-234-WOLF, (JULIAN)

Antiques and Artisans by the Bay, show with dealers/vendors of collectibles, art, antiques, amphora, furniture, music, crafts, more — Saturday, December 3,

7 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Embarcadero Park North. Free. 760-737-0334. (DOWNTOWN)







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Lestats and the Normal Heights Cultural Council. Sujantra McKeever will be signing Learn to Meditate at the Pilgrimage of the Heart Gifts and Yoga.

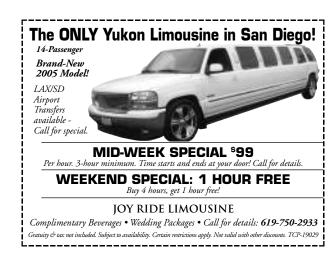
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# Reading (continued from page 99)

then. I taught off and on for many different schools."

"And you're a poet."

"I started publishing poetry when I was young. Outside of art criticism, whatever small literary reputation I have rests on the poetry."

"I kept saying to myself, 'I know that name.""

"Poets are on the margins of fame."

"There seems nowadays to be a renewal of interest in poets and painters who worked in the postwar era." Did Mr. Long agree?

"I'm always puzzled when I hear that there's a renewal of interest in something in which I've always been interested. When the Lowell books came out last year, I was surprised to hear that there was a renaissance of interest in Lowell. I thought that people had always been interested in Lowell, but I guess if there is such a thing, then it's simply a generational thing."

"It's as if many younger readers, reading Lowell and books such as yours, are learning about their parents and grandparents."

"Ithink it's wonderful because the so-called 'New York School' was under-appreciated, for awhile was a cult thing. Of course, if you consider the politics of the poetry world, that comes into play too. Things go in and out of fashion in that world. Right now it's language-derived poetry.

'It's funny," Mr. Long said, "how things change. I remember William Matthews telling me years ago that during the late 1960s and through the 1970s he could happily bounce from college to college as a visiting poet. He could do a one-year gig here or a threeyear gig there. 'But,' Bill went on to say, 'now if you get a job, you'd better like it.' The market really shut down in the '80s, and people like Bill Matthews stayed wherever they were. There was a lot more of the visiting poet thing for a long time. But fashions change."

"It had to be hard on wives and children."

"Sure. It was pretty peripatetic for a lot of people, but that's how they made a living."

"How did you happen to do
this book?"

"Almost by chance. A friend had an agent and bumped into her in the elevator in the building in which they both lived. She said to my friend, 'I had lunch with an editor who said, 'Wouldn't it be wonderful to have a cultural history of the Hamptons?'

"I'm not a professional historian. When Farrar, Straus, & Giroux bought the proposal and I started working with my editor, Loren Stein, he looked at what I was writing and he said, 'This is what you're really good at.' He was pointing to the more personal narratives. He asked, 'Why don't you push off in that direction?'

"That's how the book evolved. We went to my strengths and away from what had been proposed, which was artificial for me, because I'm not academically trained and I'm not interested in doing things year by year and all that"

"Also, it's been done."
"Yes, it's been done. Too,
I'd rather tell a good story. By

telling the story through the eyes

of the people in this book, that allows me to tell the story of the place at the same time without seeming to be writing history.

"It's a wonderfully different group of people. They're all different and distinctive and I admire them all endlessly and the fact that they all lived here is miraculous. To think of Jean Stafford down the road from de Kooning, of all people, and, my God, she lived around the corner from Pollock's house. Stafford's house is two city blocks away. To have them here at the same time is even more remarkable."

Included in the book's photographs is a snapshot of Jean Stafford looking raffish in striped knee socks and a ball cap.

A friend, Mr. Long said, took that picture. Mr. Long's friend and his friend's wife, he said, "helped take care of Jean in the later years. And in return she let them live in a little house behind her house, like sharecroppers. They still live there."

"You must have had fun doing this."

"Oh, it was great fun. In different ways. It was fun because it "To think of Jean Stafford down the road from de Kooning, of all people, and, my God, she lived around the corner from Pollock's house."

gave me an excuse to spend time imagining myself into the lives of other people — particularly Jean Stafford, whom I met when I was a kid. She made a big impression on me."

"What sort of impression?"
"Well, I knew she was Jean
Stafford. When I say 'kid,' I wasn't
a little kid. I was maybe 20 or 21.
So I was a young person, but I
had read her. I was impressed

So I was a young person, but I had read her. I was impressed because there was Jean Stafford in the flesh. To me she was the most amazing prose writer. She also had a remarkable presence because she really did have the voice of an

undertaker. She was a wonder-

ful reader of her own work. She read her stories slowly. She read the way that they should be read. I've heard some good readers over the years. Another good reader was William S. Burroughs.

"Jean Stafford and William S. Burroughs both had the same presence, in a different way of course, Burroughs being his persona. But they both had this Midwestern thing going on in their manner and voice. I thought of Burroughs and I thought of Stafford when I'd hear each of them read."

We talked about the pleasure in hearing poets read aloud. Mr.

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Baby and Family Expo, December 3 and 4, at Del Mar Fairgrounds. More than 100 exhibits "showcasing the latest in child care, parenting information and services," new products, interactive children's exhibits, live entertainment. Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. \$8 general, \$3 for grandparents and children 6–12, free for those under 6. 212-499-1508. (DEL MAR)

**Play Duplicate Bridge** every day of week except Thursday and Sun-

day, 12:15 to 3:15 p.m., at Redwood Bridge Club (3111 Sixth Avenue). \$2 per play. 619-296-4274.

Home Tour and Art Sale, the 54th annual All Souls' Episcopal Church event takes place Saturday, December 3. Tours of four Point Loma homes (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.), organ carols and art tours (noon to 3 p.m.), arts sale (noon to 4 p.m.), afternoon tea (1 to 4 p.m.). Find the church at 1475

Catalina Boulevard. \$22. 619-223-6394. (POINT LOMA)

#### North Park Lions Club Holiday

**Parade,** Saturday, December 3, 11 a.m., starts at University Avenue and Utah Street, finishing at Idaho and Howard Streets. Free. 619-574-5196. (NORTH PARK)

Ocean Beach Parade and Tree Festival, parade starts at 5:05 p.m., Saturday, December 3, at Sunset Cliffs Boulevard and Newport Avenue. Festival follows. Free. 619-224-4906. (OCEAN BEACH) "Festival of Lights" Starlight Parade, 6 p.m., Saturday, December 3, on Third Avenue from H Street to E Street. Parade follows children's holiday festival (2:30 to 5 p.m. in Memorial Park). Free

**Great American Train Show,** 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and

619-422-1982. (CHULA VISTA)

11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, December 3 and 4, at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Operating model railroad layouts (including Southern Pacific Lego layout), over 10,000 trains, play areas for kids, workshops. Admission: \$8 general, free for those 12 and younger. 818-957-2767. (DEL MAR)

Vintage Paper Fair, with 25 dealers offering many types of antique paper items including photographs, trading cards, postcards, labels, historical memorabilia, takes place December 3 and 4, at Al Bahr Shrine Temple (5440 Kearny Mesa Road). Appraisals of old paper collectibles included in admission.

Show opens at 10 a.m. both

days, closes at 6 p.m. on Saturday, 3 p.m. on Sunday. Admission: \$5 Saturday, free Sunday. 626-665-9435. (KEARNY MESA)

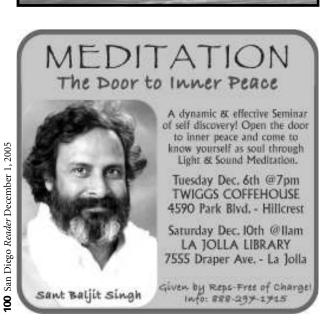
Psychic Fair and Metaphysical Conference, Alexandra's BookStore, Saturday and Sunday, December 3 and 4, and 6, noon to 6 p.m. Tarot, palmistry, numerology, other psychic arts featured; \$20 per reading. The shop is located at 3545 Midway Drive, suite G. 619-298-3422. (SPORTS ARENA)





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# Reading

Long allowed that he "mostly likes to hear the words out of their mouths. I like to hear John Ashbery. John reads in a flat, declarative way. People could say that he's not a good reader because he doesn't make any attempt to make a dramatic instrument of his voice. He's wonderful. I've heard him I don't know how many times.

In De Kooning's Bicycle, Mr. Long "speaks" through the voice of each of his subjects. "It's as if," I said, "you'd taken over their mouths.

"That's what I was trying to do. I don't think I could have written it any other way. To try and make the pictures I wanted to make of what they were seeing, of the time that they lived in, or where they were going or what their lives were like, I had to try to inhabit them in some way."

"I kept wondering if so-andso was going to bump into soand-so.

"Once I'd finished the book,

I kept thinking – because one of my favorite painters is James Rosenquist, who lived here for a long time, that it might be nice to write a chapter closer to the present. Well, actually, it wouldn't be closer to the present. It would be in the '70s. But with James Rosenquist. In 1968 or 1969 there was an event down the road across the street from Jean Stafford's house. A hot air balloon called 'The Free Life' took off. It crashed two days later and the people who were piloting it perished.

"'The Free Life' brought together the whole community. The day when the balloon launched, Saul Steinberg, James Rosenquist were there, Stafford was watching from her window, and Bill de Kooning may well have been there. He may have been at the studio. But he had helped them — he had given them money or provided material. Stafford used to have them to her house every night for drinks when they were preparing for the vovage and Rosenquist and Steinberg were there. I thought. 'My God, there are four of my people.' But it seemed to me,

finally, artificial, although it was a nice idea."

Halfway through the book, a long-dead Pollock walks through the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Pollock finds a new wing dedicated to American painting. Pollock thinks: "He would be in it, and Bill, and maybe Franz."

I confessed to Mr. Long that, initially, this section confused me. "For several paragraphs, I could not figure out what the time of the book was.'

"Well," he explained, "I wondered what it would be like for Pollock to come back and walk through the museum. And also to be out of the uncomfortable body of his last years."

"Your description of the Pollock hangovers is hellish to read."

'Yes, the hangovers. I've had a few hangovers. But he had a bad time, old Jackson did. I thought it was important to talk about that without getting maudlin. That's a fact of the way he lived for the last chunk of his life. And he wasn't working much."

Perhaps Frank O'Hara's bestknown poem is his "The Day Lady Day Died." (See page 98.) Mr. Long loosely follows the trajectory of his poem in his section that features O'Hara.

We talked about the poem and details from the poem in Mr. Long's book. "He's walking his poem," I said.

"It makes him seem real, doesn't it?" Mr. Long said. "To know that he wrote about that in a poem, so if he reflects a little bit of it in the text, that tricks the reader into thinking he's real.

"I actually knew the Museum of Modern Art at the point when O'Hara worked there, because my grandmother worked there. When I was a kid, I used to stop at her office on my way home from school and leave my books there and I'd wander. So I knew the old Museum of Modern Art intimately. My grandmother knew Frank O'Hara and had no idea he was a poet until many years later. I showed her his picture in an anthology and she said 'My God, that's Frankie. He used to call me "Mom."' I said, 'Grandma, that's Frank O'Hara, that's my favorite

Poet James Schuyler for more than a decade lived in

"It's much more a year-round and weekend community than it used to be."

Southampton with painter Fairfield Porter and his wife. (The UCSD library has Schuyler's papers and a typewriter on which he wrote.) "Schuyler," Mr. Long said, "is certainly one of the major poets of our time. For a long time he was under-recognized. Perhaps because this work has that easy surface and seems so casual and so easily done."

Many moments Mr. Long chose to portray "seem," he said, "to be the most poignant moments. And it happens that those were the times when these men and women were here. Pollock came in '45, so actually he had some relatively good years. But he stayed here. And Jean came here at the end. She had several good years with Joe [her third husband, New Yorker writer A.J. Liebling, who predeceased herl.'

"He must have been fun." "I wish I'd known him. I have friends who knew him well and were extremely fond of him. He's a great writer in whom I think there's been a revival of interest. Stafford and Liebling were quite a couple."

"Liebling must certainly have been an improvement over Lowell [Robert Lowell was Stafford's first husband; he behaved quite violently toward her]."

"Lowell I know only from the biographies, but he and Jean certainly seemed to have a good time for a while. But Lowell, of course, was unstable. They both got famous while they were married to each other. Jean had a huge hit on her hands with Boston Adventure at the time [1944]."

"I wonder how long that (continued on page 102)

Turn a Handcrafted Pen on a lathe at Rockler Woodworking and Hardware (8199 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard), Sundays, December 4 and 11, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. \$10 fee includes pre-drilled pen blank and hardware kit, along with instruction. 858-268-1005. (KEARNY MESA)

Living History in San Pasqual, cannon-firing drills, demonstrations of crafts and skills from the 1800s, history lectures, entertainment, volunteers in period attire, and authentic food for sale at San Pasqual History Days, Sunday, December 4, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park (15808 San Pasqual Valley Road). Free. 760-737-2201.

Skip the Mall, Week Two, purchase "unique gifts that improve the lives of people around the world" during Alternative Christmas Market, Sunday, December 4, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 7 to 8 p.m., at Solana Beach Presbyterian Church (120 Stevens Avenue). Buy a flock of hens for a Ugandan orphanage, medicine for a clinic in Central America, more. Future markets: December 11. 858-509-2580, (SOLANA BEACH)

Ninth Annual Pottery Sale and Chili Cook-Off, Sunday, December 4, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at San Diego Ceramic Connection (3216 Thorn Street). Purchase a handmade bowl and taste over 30 chilis. Chili day follows ceramic sales on December 3. Free admission. 619-281-2529. (NORTH PARK)

Holiday Homes Tour 2005, Sunday, December 4, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., features four Vista homes professionally decorated for holiday season and Rancho Buena Vista Adobe (651 East Vista Way). \$25. 760-631-5000 x1139. (VISTA)

"World-Wide Wonder" is theme for La Jolla Christmas parade and holiday festival, Sunday, December 4. Marching units, floats, bands, equestrians, vintage vehicles parade along Girard Avenue (at Kline Street) and Prospect Street (to Silverado Street) beginning at 1:30 p.m. Festival runs 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Silverado Street. Free. 858-454-1444. (LA JOLLA)

Skating by the Sea, outdoor ice-skating rink overlooking Pacific Ocean at Hotel del Coronado (1500 Orange Avenue) available through Monday, January 2. Three-hour skating sessions begin at 2 and 6 p.m. on weekdays, with

additional 10 a.m. session on weekends. Fee: \$15 for adults, \$10 for kids ten and younger; rent skates for \$5 per person, 800-468-3533. (CORONADO)

#### FOR KIDS

Comic Ventriloquist Lynn Trimble explores The Magic of Ventriloquism through Thursday, December 1, at Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater.

In conjunction with December Nights celebrations around Balboa Park on Friday and Saturday, December 2 and 3, the schedule promises free "potpourris of puppet acts by guild members" at 6, 7, and 8 p.m. (with no daytime shows December 2-4).

Weaver's Tales present Brothers Grimm tale Mother Holly, December 7-11.

Regular hours: Wednesday-Friday, 10 and 11:30 a.m.; 11 a.m., 1, and 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Find the theater near Aerospace Museum. Admission: \$3 for children, \$4 seniors, \$5 general. 619-544-9203. (BALBOA PARK)

The New Musical Peter Pan, with cast of 40 local professional and amateur actors ranging from 6-65, was created by local playwright and director Paula Brandes. Music is combination of blues, rock, contemporary sounds.

Performances are at 7 p.m. on Friday, December 2; Saturdays, December 3 and 10; and matinees at 2 p.m. on December 4 and 11. Performances offered at John D. Spreckels Building, 3858 Front Street. \$18 for adults, \$10 for kids 12 and younger. 619-291-4728. (HILLCREST)

#### MUSEUMS

(Art museums are listed in the Reader's Guide to Art.)

**Bancroft Ranch House Museum** 

houses indigenous Indian artifacts and memorabilia of early settlers in the area, run by the Spring Valley Historical Society. The home, built in 1863, was registered as a National Historic Landmark in 1962 and is on a spot where Kumeyaay Indians camped more than 1000 years ago beside the spring that later gave the area its name. The museum is found at 9050 Memory Lane; 619-469-

**Barona Cultural Center and** Museum is located at 1095 Barona Road; 619-443-7003 x2.

California Surf Museum, "The Surfer-Shapers," on exhibit through 2005, showcases several surfers whose conceptual abilities and crafting talent radically altered surfboard design. The search has always been for lighter, faster, more maneuverable boards, from Duke Kahanamoku in early 1900s to Tom Blake in 1920s to Simon Anderson in early 1980s.

The museum features surfing artifacts and memorabilia - such

as surfboards and clothing - of local legends Phil Edwards, John "L.J." Richards, and Peter Johnson, and Duke Kahanamoku. The museum is located at 223 North Coast Highway; 760-721-6876. (OCEANSIDE)

Chula Vista Nature Center, an interactive living museum devoted to the endangered Southern California coastal wetlands, located in Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge. Visitors can use a Bioscanner to view animals macroscopically, use a Wentzscope for views of microscopic organisms found in the "Sweetwater Soup," and interact with computerized videos exploring how tides affect the bay in the "Moons, Tides, and the San Diego Bay" exhibit. Pet sharks and rays in the David A. Wergeland Shark and Ray Experience, see burrowing owls and migratory birds, and enjoy the xerophytic gardens.



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money lasted."

"I actually know the answer, but I've forgotten it. I don't know that it lasted all that much longer. Mountain Lion [1948] didn't do the same business. I don't know how she collected on Boston Adventure."

"I don't know what they paid for books then."

"Well, that's the other thing. In those days, what was a best seller? Certainly not what it is today. I'm sure Boston Adventure didn't sell one-tenth of what The Corrections sold. I'm guessing, but I suspect that the figures were less."

"A little boy shows up in your book."

"Oh, the one riding on the bike?"

"Yes."

"That's me. I used to see de Kooning on his bike when I was a kid. I would ride from my parents' house over to Dan Miller's store. I would get a root beer and some candy. This was a ritual of mine.

"I remember what the store looked like then and I know the route because I took it on my bike. But yes, I'd see Bill on Fireplace Road, and he'd wave at me and I'd wave at him. This would have been '64 or '65.

"This is a great place to bike, or it was. Now you take your life in your hands if you ride on a bike. In the summer, it's dangerous because we have rollerbladers and bike riders and hikers and runners and walkers and BMWs. Even here in the Springs."

"Given how long you've lived in the Hamptons do locals still consider you as 'from away'?"

"No, not really but basically this is a second homeowner community now. It's not exactly suburban because we're too far from the city for that. Homes in Springs are quite expensive. So the same distinctions aren't drawn much any more.

"What happens is that you have people who arrived here in 1985, who think that 1985 was the good old days. And, of course, if you came in 1970, 1970 was the good old days, but of course, if you came here in 1950, that was the good old days. So everybody's got his own idea of some ideal Hamptons. And usually it's the Hamptons that was in existence when you first got here, that started going straight to hell two

days later, and has been doing so ever since, whether you got here in 1940 or 1985."

"What's it like in the winter?"
"Quieter than it was in the summer but, again, it's much more a year-round and weekend community than it used to be. It used to be, of course, the day after Labor Day, silence descended. That's certainly not the case now.

"Are you considered "from away"?' is a good question and much to the point of the opening chapter of my book, and speaks to the nature of the place. Bonackers have been here for centuries; one of my best friends' families came here in 1680 or something. I am a New Yorker and will always be from away and have never felt remotely like a native. I know nothing about salt hay except what it looks like, and I don't like clams. In high school I fit in more with other kids who had moved here from the city than with local kids. Of course now we are all 50 years old and we all laugh at the people who spend \$1.2 million for half-acre lots so they can tear down the nice little house it holds in order to build a 10.000-square-foot teetering, shingled monstrosity, a faux-Shingle Style palace with a two-car garage jammed onto one side for the Range Rover and the Porsche Cayenne with the 'EH' stickers on the back.

"Because I have lived here

for a long time people presume I am a 'native' of East Hampton. as my friend and hero John Ashbery put it in the first version of his endorsement for the book. This bugs me because it (unintentionally) makes me a hick who miraculously learned how to write. I remember when The Liars' Club came out much was made of Mary Karr's Texas background in reviews, and Molly Ivins, who should know better, wrote something about how The Liars' Club and Karr seemed to spring like some miraculous weed from the fallow plains of west Texas and jes' plain grew, whereas the fact was that Karr had been publishing poetry for 15 years by then in places like Poetry and was a Bunting Fellow at Radcliffe.

"The 'from away' thing, though it still exists, is dying since the native families' kids can't afford to live here, and farming and fishing have been close to extinction for at least two decades, so that distinction is more or less

"I know nothing about salt hay except what it looks like, and I don't like clams."

defunct. Now, it's more like, 'I've had a summer house there since the '80s, who do you think you are to try to build an accessory structure on your corner lot without a wetland permit, when you bought your house in '99? I am suing you.' It's like Luc Sante's comments on the changes to Tribeca and SoHo in New York City in the 1980s: 'Warehouses that are transformed into boho-chic housing for the vermin of the corporate world.'"

"Did writing this book change your life, and if so, how?"

"Yes, it did. In that...how can I explain this? This is my first nonfiction book. So it reinforced my impression that 'talent travels,' in the phrase Richard Price uses. That is something I've always told my students, that if you learn your craft well enough, 'talent travels.""

"In your case, talent did

"That's part of the satisfaction of writing. It doesn't matter what it is. When I finish a poem or decide that it's finished – I can say to myself, 'I was able to do that, and that one is better than the last one.' And your writing is better than it used to be because I don't think any of us would keep on going on writing, unless we thought we'd get better and better and better and better at it."

Like Mr. Long, I am an only child. I suggested, "I think only children tend to compete against themselves. They want to get better and better to please themselves."

"It's also probably the only child's tendency to fall into reading, too."

"And reverie," I said, "the dreaminess of things."

Mr. Long suggested, "That's what writing comes from, isn't it, reading and that reverie?"

– Judith Moore

Visitors meet a shuttle bus at the Bayfront E Street Trolley Station or at the center's parking lot at the foot of E Street and Bay Boulevard. 619-409-5903. (CHULA VISTA)

Coronado Museum of History and Art, "Open Doors: Vietnam POWs Thirty Years Later" takes intimate look at current lives of Vietnam-era POWS. The 30 black-and-white photographs are accompanied by profiles of the men, "intended to defy the lingering, negative stereotype of Vietnam veterans." Through Thursday, January 12.

Ongoing exhibits explore the overall history of Coronado, Navy and Army, Tent City, and the Hotel del Coronado. Find the museum at 1100 Orange Avenue. Call 619-435-7242 for further information. (CORONADO)

Gaslamp Museum of Historic San Diego, glimpse San Diego's colorful past at the museum, where displays highlight Wyatt Earp's San Diego days, the Peg Leg Gold Legend, the first maps and photographs of Old Town and "New Town," early military history, the naval disaster in 1923 at Point Honda, and more. Find the museum at 413 Market Street (between Fourth and Fifth Avenues). 619-237-1492. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

**Heritage Museum,** an interpretive wall, replicas of the early post

office and general store, and a school room are part of this museum. A mural painted by Michael Strong depicts six periods of Poway's past. Find the museum in Old Poway Park, at 14134 Midland Road; 858-679-8587. (POWAY)

Heritage of the Americas Museum, more than 100 Chinese jades of the Late Neolithic (4300–2500 B.C.) through the Ming periods (A.D. 1368-1644) are included in "The Stone of Heaven: The Enduring Art of Jade Age China." From ancient times, jades in China were treasured as talismans, worn on the body either as final adornments in death or as ornaments in life. See a rare and valuable iade burial suit of the Han dvnasty (206 B.C. to A.D. 221), one of only about two dozen that have been excavated in China. The suits were made of more than 2000 square and rectangular plates of jade sewn together with threads of gold, silver, or bronze (depending upon the status of the wearer). Ongoing.

The museum features art and artifacts from South and North America, concentrating on the utilitarian and decorative artistry of crafts workers from ancient cultures. The museum also features wings dedicated to natural history, archaeology, education, anthropology, and fine art. Find the museum on the Cuyamaca College

campus, 12110 Cuyamaca College Drive West. 619-670-5194. (RAN-CHO SAN DIEGO)

Heritage Walk Museum, the museum includes the restored Victorian House, the city's original Santa Fe Train Depot, a railroad car with model train, working blacksmith shop, and a barn. Find Heritage Walk in Grape Day Park, at 321 North Broadway; 760-743-8207. (FSCONDIDO)

La Mesa Depot Museum, located in a restored 1894 wooden train station, exhibits include original telegraph and telephone equipment, pot-bellied coal stove, period furniture. The adjacent freight train display features 1923 steam locomotive, 1957 refrigerator car, restored 1941 caboose. Find the museum at La Mesa Boulevard and Spring Street. 619-465-7776. (LA MESA)

Magee House Museum, built in 1887 and surrounded by rose gardens, the site includes "one of the last barns still standing in Carlsbad." Docent and self-guided tours of historic house and gardens. Find Magee House at 258 Beech Street; 760-434-9189. (CARLSBAD)

Ramona Pioneer Historical Society and Guy B. Woodward Museum is a complex of historical buildings, including the Verlaque House (the only Western adobe

home of French provincial design still in existence), wagons, antique exhibits, and artifacts. There is a cowboy bunk house, women's clothing and accessories from 1700 to 1800, a ranch blacksmith shop and tack room. The Casey Tibbs Memorial Exhibit is dedicated to Tibbs, a local resident who was a world-champion rodeo rider. The Bancroft Memorial Rose Garden is on the grounds. Rare documents, historical exhibits, books, photographs, and a research library are also part of the complex.

Find it all at 645 Main Street. 760-789-7644. (RAMONA)

San Diego Aircraft Carrier Museum onboard the decommissioned USS *Midway* is open for tours, now berthed at 910 North Harbor Drive. Exhibits include Navy jet simulators, carrier and flight deck touring, captain's sea cabin, pilot house, navigation bridge. Admission fee includes audio guide. 619-544-9600. (DOWNTOWN)

San Diego County Sheriff's Museum, the 150-year history of the sheriff's department is highlighted at the museum, which is located "just feet away" from the original cobblestone jail site, built in 1850. The museum boasts artifacts, photographs, equipment, uniforms, and vehicles, along with exhibits from each of the departments making up the organization

such as crime scene, K-9, court service, detentions, crime lab, bomb squad, and many others. Find the museum at 2384 San Diego Avenue; 619-260-1850. (OLD TOWN)

**San Diego Electric Railway Association,** located in historic National City Santa Fe Depot (922 West 23rd Street), offers exhibits, video displays, trolley equipment, restored passenger car from National City and Otay Railroad. 619-474-4400. (NATIONAL CITY)

San Diego Model Railroad Museum, the museum celebrates American railroads with "the largest permanent operating model railroad and toy train exhibit" in North America. Four scale-model railroads of the Southwest, the "San Diego County Relief Map" exhibit, and an interactive toy train. There is a multimedia presentation on railroading, an operating railroad semaphore signal, and interpretive displays on railroads and model railroading.

The museum is downstairs in the Casa de Balboa building. 619-696-0199. (BALBOA PARK)

**San Diego Natural History Museum**, "Backyard Monsters"
features giant robotic insects, up to
11 feet high and 22 feet long, paired
with interactive learning displays
and "one of the world's largest private specimen collections." Visitors

may build a bug, create a bug orchestra, take a robotic insect for a walk. Through December.

The "Wildlife Art Exhibition" continuing through December includes wildlife-themed artwork in a range of media and styles. "Hundreds of nationally and internationally recognized local artists are expected to participate."

"Earth, Wind, and Wildfire!" continues through January 2006, exploring powerful forces (such as fire, nature, people) shaping the landscape of Southern California. The exhibit is "designed to raise awareness of the history and inevitability of fire in Southern California's arid and diverse wildlands."

Current "giant-screen films" include *Ocean Oasis* and *Bugs!* 619-232-3821. (BALBOA PARK)

**Serra Museum,** "Commemorating 75 Years: The Serra Museum" is said to "remember the events leading up to the dedication of Presidio Park and the Serra Museum" on July 16, 1929. The exhibit includes a "visit back in time to 1929."

The museum interprets the Native American, Spanish, and Mexican periods of San Diego's history and contains Spanish Colonial furnishings, art, and artifacts. It's located at the site of the West Coast's first European settlement, 2727 Presidio Drive. 619-297-3258. (PRESIDIO PARK)

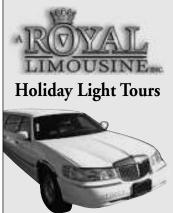
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Solo Guitar Pieces from Spain and Italy promised when Robert Wetzel performs for First Thursday Concert on December 1, 7 p.m., in Escondido Library's Turrentine Room (239 South Kalmia Street). Free. 760-839-4329. (ESCONDIDO)

**Sonic Sampler III,** Electronic Music Ensemble, directed by Madelyn Byrne, performs Thursday, December 1, 8 p.m., in Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10 at 1140 West Mission Road). \$5 general. 760-744-1150 x2316. (SAN MARCOS)

**USD Choral Scholars Concerts,** with selection of carols and seasonal music, offered at 12:15 p.m. on Thursday, December 1, in French Parlor, Founders Hall at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Concert is repeated at 8 p.m. on Saturday, December 3. \$10 general. 619-260-4171. (LINDA VISTA)

"Unsung Heroes of the Orchestra" showcased when Wind Ensemble at UCSD takes stage on Thursday, December 1, 8 p.m., in Mandeville Auditorium at UCSD. Group is led by Robert Zelickman. \$8 general. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

Beethoven's "Leonore Overture No. 3" is on program, along with pieces by Bernstein and Brahms, when violinist Jennifer Frautschi joins San Diego Symphony for "Jacobs' Masterworks" concerts December 2–4. Concerts begin at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Tickets: \$20–\$85. Reservations: 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

Orquesta de Baja California plays selected "Brandenburg" concertos by J.S. Bach and other baroque favorites, Friday, December 2, at 2 and 7:30 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). \$37—\$55. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Melody? "The March of the Three Kings" is on program, along with pieces by Respighi and Bach, when La Jolla Symphony and Chorus present "A Classic Holiday" on December 3 and 4. Concerts begin at 8 p.m. on Saturday, 3 p.m. on Sunday, in UCSD's Mandeville

Auditorium. \$26 general. 858-534-4637. (LA JOLLA)

Holiday Concert with seasonal music and sing-along planned by Palomar Symphony Orchestra, December 3 and 4, in Howard Brubeck Theatre at Palomar College (1140 West Mission Road). Concerts begin at 8 p.m. on Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. \$12 general. 760-744-1150 x2453. (SAN MARCOS)

"The Many Moods of Christmas" — three concerts offering "A Musicological Journey through the Twelve Days of Christmas" and Bach's "Gloria" planned by 95-voice chancel choir and 50-piece orchestra, December 3 and 4, at Solana Beach Presbyterian Church (120 Stevens Avenue). Carol sing-along promised during these concerts, beginning at 5 p.m. on Saturday and at 5 and 7:30 p.m. on Sunday. Offering. Suggested reservations: 858-509-2580. (SOLANA BEACH)

**Voice Master Class Students** present recital, Saturday, December 3, 4 p.m., in Erickson Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. Free. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

**Holiday Concert** benefiting Meals on Wheels planned by 85-member Coastal Communities Concert Band, Sunday, December 4, 2 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Seasonal tunes, salute to military, more. \$12.50 general. 858-481-2087.

John Rutter's "Magnificat," Britten's "Ceremony of Carols," and "Ave Maria" by Biebl may all be enjoyed when Chancel Choir and Masterwork Chorale with soloists, orchestra, and organ present concert, Sunday, December 4, 7 p.m., at First United Methodist Church of San Diego (2111 Camino del Rio South). Offering. Child care by reservation. 619-297-4366. (MISSION VALLEY)

An Evening of Sacred, Classical, and pop Christmas music is promised when bell choirs and choruses perform at St. Mark's United Methodist Church (3502 Clairemont Drive) on Sunday, December 4, 6 p.m. Offering. 619-276-5300, 858-273-1480. (CLAIREMONT)

"Advent Lessons and Carols" explored by Palomar Chorale and Parish Choir in concert on Sunday, December 4, 5 p.m., at Trinity Church (845 Chestnut Street). Offering. 760-743-1629. (ESCONDIDO)

"Scenes from Childhood" by Schumann and folk songs from around the world promised when MiraCosta College's Guitar Orchestra performs Sunday, December 4, 1:30 p.m., at Museum of Making Music (5790 Armada Drive). Student singers will take on pieces by Mozart, Scarlatti, Massenet, Bizet, selections from Broadway shows. Free. 760-795-6815. (CARLSBAD)

**Civic Organist** Carol Williams in concert, Sunday, December 4, 2 p.m., at Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Choral Union plans winter program, Sunday, December 4, 4:30 p.m., at Holy Cross Lutheran Church (3250 Clairemont Drive). The GirlBoy Choir and Treble Choir singers — aged 7–19 — will perform traditional American, French, and English melodies, as well as premiere of "The Wind" by Stephen Coxe. \$15 adults, \$5 for children under 12. 619-447-4930 (GLAIREMONT)

Moderna "invigorates contemporary music-making with a distinctive approach that draws from avant-garde, experimental, improvised, and folk music." Quartet plans free mini-concert at noon on Monday, December 5, in Lyceum Theatre at Horton Plaza. Bring lunch! 858-454-5872. (DOWNTOWN)

**USD Chamber Music Ensembles** perform Tuesday, December 6, 7:30 p.m., in French Parlor of Founders Hall at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). \$8 general. 619-260-4171. (LINDA VISTA)

**Enjoy "600 Years of Music in an Hour"** when Novellus Ensemble performs for First Wednesday program at Cardiff-by-the-Sea Library (2081 Newcastle Avenue) on December 7, 6:30 p.m. Free. 760-753-4027. (CARDIFF)

Music Students Honor Recital for Concert Hour series on Thursday, December 8, 12:30 p.m., in Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10 at 1140 West Mission Road). Free. 760-744-1150 x2316. (SAN MARCOS)

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#### GALLERIES

**Oil Paintings** by Kelly Paige Standard celebrated during reception, Thursday, December 1, 7 p.m., at 3009 Beech Street. 619-972-0903. (SOUTH PARK)

**"Statement 2,"** this "Voice 1156 Family Exhibition" with work by 25 artists opens with reception on Friday, December 2, 4 to 11 p.m.,

at Voice 1156 (1156 Seventh Avenue). 619-757-4966. Closes Tuesday, December 20. (DOWNTOWN)

"Through the Eyes of a Child," juried show of 90 watermedia paintings is on view through December at San Diego Watercolor Society's Showcase Gallery (Studio Building, 2400 Kettner Boulevard). Juror was Rich Buchwald. Meet artists during reception, Friday, December 2, 5 p.m. 619-338-0502. (LITTLE ITALY)

**First Friday Exhibition** of new artwork in various media, along with work by featured artist Nadine Baurine, opens with reception on Friday, December 2, 6 p.m., at San Diego Visual Artists Guild (1098 Ninth Avenue). Small Opera Company performs at 8 p.m. 858-272-5321. (DOWNTOWN)

**"Save Our Souls,"** spiritual art exhibition with work by more than 24 local artists curated by Ryan Campbell opens with reception on Saturday, December 3, 7 to 11 p.m., at Art of Framing Gallery (3333 Adams Avenue; 619-563-9770). (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

The Ordover Project — show-casing work by "distinguished San Diego-area photographers" and "the area's finest glassmakers" — opens with reception on Saturday, December 3, 6 p.m., at Ordover Gallery (444 South Cedros Avenue, studio 172). Through Sun-

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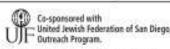
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"Artistic Impressions" offered by ten artists through Sunday, December 11, at La Jolla Art Association's Village Gallery (7932 Ivanhoe Avenue). Reception: Sunday, December 4, 4 p.m. 858-459-1196. (LA JOLLA)

Art Quilts by Jill Le Croissette, Bonny Tinling, Charlotte Bird, Marilyn McKenzie Chaffee, Patricia Klem, Susan Root Skywalker are on view through Saturday, January 7, at Rancho Buena Vista Adobe Gallery (651 East Vista Way). Meet artists during reception, Sunday, December 4, 1 p.m. 760-639-6164. (VISTA)

Holiday Party and Studio Artists Exhibition, Wednesday, December 7, 5 to 8 p.m., at Distinction Artist Studios and Gallery (317 East Grand Avenue). Show closes on Tuesday, January 3. 760-781-5779. (ESCONDIDO)

#### ART MUSEUMS

California Center for the Arts Museum, "Haiti: Where Spirits Dance" is an exhibition of rare, early, and some never-before-seen paintings, sculpture, and vodou flags by Haiti's "self-taught masters" including Hector Hyppolite, Georges Liautaud, Philome Obin. "Vodou is a theme which runs through most of the artworks" in this exhibit.

Niki de Saint Phalle's "Tableaux Eclatés" are "exploding/moving paintings," in which the artist sought to go beyond limits of painting. "After Hours: Works by Center Staff and Volunteers" surveys "the budding and established artists roaming the hallways of the center on a daily basis." Show includes paintings, sculpture, textiles, furniture. "Little Is Big Too: Paintings by Dan Adams" boasts small-scale portraits of dogs done with heavy impasto and bright colors.

All four exhibits close Sunday, February 12. The museum is located at 340 North Escondido Boulevard; 760-839-4120.

Mingei International Museum, more than 90 bottles, bowls, platters, and tiles made between 1940 and 2004 are included in retrospective "The Art of Vivika and Otto Heino." Vivika Heino died in 1995, but Otto Heino continues to make pots in his Ojai pottery,

throwing 100 pounds of clay at a time.

"Norway — Art of the Land and the People" celebrates 100 years of Norwegian independence. Exhibit includes arts of daily life such as metalwork, jewelry, bunads (festival costumes), textiles, rosemaling (decorated pottery and furniture), and Norwegian-American immigrant chests from 18th Century. Closes on Sunday, May 21.

Art and significance of Japanese dolls from the Edo period showcased in "Ningyô: The Art of the Japanese Doll." As cultural artifacts, *ningyô* embody the customs, tastes, fashions, and politics of the time. Through Sunday, January 29.

"Elemental Art of the Indonesian Archipelago" includes more than 100 objects such as textiles, jewelry, puppets, baskets, beaded objects, ritual dance masks, architectural ornaments, household objects, ancestor figures, and shrines. Through May.

The Mingei is located on square with San Diego Museum of Art. 619-239-0003. (BALBOA PARK)

Mingei International Museum, North County Satellite, "Timeless Glass — From Byzantine to Dale Chihuly," includes a blownglass chandelier, *macchias*, and sea forms by Chihuly; objects from Venini glass factory in Venice, art glass by contemporary artists including Italo Scanga, William Gudenrath, work by Louis Comfort Tiffany, examples of ancient Egyptian, pre-Roman, Roman, and Islamic glass. Through Sunday, February 19.

"Horses — Circling the Globe" includes animals from India, China, Japan, Indonesia, Sweden, England, Guatemala, Mexico, and the U.S. Some have religious connections, some were made as toys. Ongoing. Find the museum at 155 West Grand Avenue. 760-735-3355. (ESCONDIDO)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown, WriterzBlok is a collective of artists offering youth of Southeast San Diego technical skills in visual arts, opportunities to learn about aerosol painting through educational programs. Through Sunday, December 11, view murals by WriterzBlok's artists in lobby and Fayman Galleries, augmenting their banner project on museum's Jacobs Building construction fence on Kettner Boulevard.

"Cerca Series: Michael Arcega" surveys artist's "diverse output from wall drawings" made from computer spam to delicate drawings made with human hair and his most recent project *El Conquistadork*. Bay Area artist is "obsessed with ships and wordplay." Exhibit closes Sunday, December 11.

Twelve is a video installation by Barbara Kruger addressing themes of power, society, culture, family, and relationships. Experience the piece, projected individually on four walls, through Sunday, December 11.

Find the museum at 1001 Kettner Boulevard (at Broadway), directly across from the Santa Fe Railroad Depot. 619-234-1001. (DOWNTOWN)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, over four decades of work made by artists from Los Angeles to the Mexican border showcased in "Southern Exposure," continuing through December. Some of the art is politically motivated, some is concerned with formal considerations. Highlights include important early works by John Baldessari, Ed Ruscha, Robert Irwin.

Raymond Pettibon's work, often showing darker side of society and American hypocrisies, is on view through Sunday, September 3, 2006. Pettibon — known for "his idiosyncratic renderings and room-sized installations" — exhibits a large-scale wall drawing.

Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

Museum of Photographic Arts, more than 250 works of photography revealing "tumultuous history of the representation of race in America" gathered in "Only Skin Deep: Changing Visions of the American Self," on view concurrently at Museum of Photographic Arts and San Diego Museum of Art. Exhibition spans wide range of genres and movements, with pieces dating from mid-19th Century to present, continuing at both museums through December.

Seven photographs by Moroccan-born photographer Lalla Essaydi may be seen through Sunday, January 7. Series consists of portraits of Muslim women and children taken in her unoccupied family-owned house in Morocco; the artist's intention is to explore cultural patterns within Arab and Western societies, to convey her own experience as an Arab woman.

Find the museum in the Casa de Balboa building, at 1649 El Prado; 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

#### Oceanside Museum of Art,

"OMA Regional 4," continuing through Sunday, January 8, is a juried exhibition featuring paintings, prints, and sculpture by artists in the region. The art by 31 artists showcases "a provocative selection reflecting recent trends in contemporary art." Jurors were Mary Beebe, Derrick Cartwright, Arthur Ollman. Find the museum at 704 Pier View Way; 760-721-2787.





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#### I Think I Smell a Rat!

Most musicians would feel honored to share a stage with Sonic Youth's Thurston Moore, but when GoGoGo

stopped playing."

Vyas and drummer Andrew Robillard, guitarist/vocalist Michael Vermillion, and guitarist Ben White are traveling in support of their new release, Rats! Sing! Sing! The band has done a number of U.S. tours. but this is the first GoGoGo tour since Vyas served as the



Airheart performed with Moore and four other acts in New York on November

"Thurston Moore's set was just him holding his guitar against his amp," said GoGoGo bassist Ashish Vyas.

"It was just feedback for 40 minutes. After him were two other 'blip blip, bleep bleep' bands. There were 250 people there to see Thurston, but by the time we were going on,

there was probably about 100. I just said, 'I don't want to hear this shit anymore.' I said, 'Fuck this noise,' and started playing bass over everyone. I was playing bass with them - I was playing these dub bass lines, but people got offended and the band

touring bassist for electronic superstars Thievery Corporation.

It's completely different [touring with a more prominent band]," Vyas said. 'In Europe, the buses are double-decker sleeper buses.



GOGOGO SABOTAGES BLIP BLIP BAND

We were traveling with 20 to 25 people, two buses. I didn't have to drive, I didn't even have to plug my fucking bass

"With [GoGoGo], we have two seats in the front of the van, two bench seats in the back. The comfort is

there, but the difference is I'm doing a lot of driving, and I'm beat. This morning we did a radio show a few hours ago, but we had to leave Milwaukee, and it was a

six-hour drive [to the next show]. We got to bed at 3 a.m. or 4 a.m. and got up at 8:30 a.m. and just drove,' Vyas said during a



phone call from Minneapolis. GoGoGo Airheart plays at

the Casbah on Saturday, December 3.

– Larry Harmon

Jilted Again This month, Rolling Stone said My Morning Jacket's new CD Zis one of the best albums of the year. Before MMJ was signed to Dave Matthews's ATO label (distributed by RCA), the experimental country rock band recorded for the Vista-based momand-pop independent Darla Records.

"I found their demo in the mailbox," says James Agren, who owns and operates Darla out of his Vista home with partner Chandra Tobey. When the two-record deal between Darla and MMI singer/songwriter Jim James was fulfilled, the band left. "Now we generally offer a three-record deal to artists who require development,' Agren says. (Superdrag bolted for Elektra after two Darla albums.)

Agren admits he'll

JIM JAMES, THE HARD-WORKING LONGHAIR

two records, we own 66 songs and some Christmas music. Darla has so far released two additional My Morning Jacket albums.

continue to benefit from his

association with James/MMJ.

"We own everything

recorded during the term of

our agreement," says Agren.

"Besides what was on the first

"People have wanted to buy [master recordings] from us. More than once we have said no," says Agren, because of bad experiences when Darla product was licensed to distributors in the UK and

Europe. "We feel capable of giving our records a good home.'

Darla has released 169 titles during its ten years as an indie label. For seven years, the label was based in Northern California:

since 2002, they've been in North County. The label will gross a million dollars this year, says Agren.

"We are the only completely independent label, distributor [of 35 other small labels], online retailer, all self-contained in its own

building in the whole world. The UPS truck pulls up twice a day."

- Ken Leighton

#### **Monster Bass Player Lost** Oceanside police

confirm that Joe Pontisso, 41, shot himself in the head while driving on College Boulevard November 19. Pontisso, a bassist in the Clay Colton Band, 427, and Triocity, played regularly at Carlsbad venues. His friends say Pontisso had recorded all the bass parts on Evel Knievel -The Rock Opera, a musical that has been recorded and may become a stage show.

"He wasn't a big guy, but he was a monster bass player," says guitarist Jon Jones of his longtime friend, a fellow ex-Marine.

"He played with us Thursday [November 17] at JJ Landers in Fallbrook," says Clay Colton. "He showed up at Tom Giblin's on Saturday and said, 'Hi.' Then he left, and you know the end of the story. We knew he was always



JOE PONTISSO, R.I.P.

slightly depressed, but we thought it was job-oriented." Pontisso, a bomb expert,

detonated ordnance for a living

"He saw his friend accidentally blow himself up in an armory on Camp

Pendleton," says drummer Mike Stryler. "He had so many experiences in the military. I think he just carried a lot of troublesome things he wasn't able to let go of." Pontisso left behind two children aged 12 and 10.

— Ken Leighton

THE Gary Wilson? "You don't remember who I am, do you?" Gary Wilson asked me via e-mail. I'd been interviewing the indie-rock pioneer about his rediscovery since being name-checked in Beck's "Where It's At" ("Like my man Gary Wilson rocks the most"). When a recent email from Wilson mentioned "Don't you remember lending me that article you wrote about [TV show] Thriller?" I realized that I'd known and hung out with Gary Wilson for years; I didn't know he was THE Gary Wilson, whose homemade '70s records are being reissued to such acclaim.

Wilson's comeback began in 2001, when a record label hired a private detective to track him down about rereleasing "You Think You Really Know Me," the quirky pop masterpiece he recorded in his parents' basement in 1977 (a copy recently sold on eBay for \$222.50). The private dick found Gary employed at the same local strip club where my housemate at the time ("Savannah") worked. I had hung out there with Gary. We talked about music and vintage TV shows. He may have mentioned he used to be in a band, but it wasn't until the recent e-mail that I connected THAT Garv with DIY legend Gary Wilson, the one who told me this tale of

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the weirdest local gig he ever played.

"It was New Year's Eve, early 1990s, at a private party held at the house of the president of a big company. The band was finishing up our last few songs for the evening when all of a sudden there was a loud noise and commotion in the other room...a fight had started and guests started running out of the room screaming. They were covered in blood and their tuxedoes and gowns were ripped and destroyed. Two of the guests went through the picture window and were rolling around on the lawn. Glass everywhere...we continued to play for another five minutes. I remember breaking down the equipment as fast as we could.'

Wilson still holds a job in a local porn emporium;



Iav Allen Sanford

autograph-seekers will have to carry their Another Galaxy LP (self-released in 1974) around until they find him.

Sun Studio All three Riboflavin CDs were recorded using only solar power. "When the lights started going off during the [2001] California power crisis, we decided that it was a rip-off," says Riboflavin drummer Mark Doyle.

According to Doyle, it cost \$16,000 to have 20 solar panels mounted on top of his eight-track recording studio and rehearsal space in City Heights. The state paid for 45 percent of the cost. The



STATE-SUBSIDIZED RIBOFLAVIN

panels yield more energy than he uses, but "at the end of the year [SDG&E doesn't] reimburse you if you give more than you take.'

Doyle says it would take 12 years to cover the cost of the panels at present local electricity rates. "Still, it's the right thing to do.... I heard Schwarzenegger is trying to keep it going. He wants a million solar roofs."

Members of the fourman, one-woman Riboflavin include a biologist, an engineer, and software developer and include former members of Red Dye 9 and the Vickers. The all-original punk/funk/ska-influenced band plays Brick by Brick, Blind Melons, and Winston's.

— Ken Leighton



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Bands! "The [city] planning department is rewriting the city plan right now," bassist Glen Fisher says, "and...I'm trying to make a lot of noise." Fisher, on Point Loma's Peninsula Community Planning Board, hopes to influence the City of San Diego General Plan Update.

The notes from every [community] meeting are viewed by the city," says Fisher. "They get their ideas that way." The city's plan is slated for adoption by the city council early next year.

Fisher's ideas have centered on two issues. One is what he calls club owners? dependence on cover bands that generate liquor sales at the expense of bands that perform original music.

"It's ridiculous," Fisher says of playing cover songs. "I don't want to do it anymore. Otherwise, we'll all be playing 'Brown Eyed Girl' and 'Margaritaville' — songs that make people drink. Bar income covers the band's expenses. But the guys that write their own music are doing something way more noble than a commercial band, and they deserve to be rewarded.

Incentive for bars to hire original music might come,

Fisher theorizes, from relaxing the taxes and fees imposed on clubs that feature live music. Fisher thinks such a move would foster a climate that doesn't work to the



FISHER GOES GOVERNMENTAL

exclusion of originals bands.

"Why do you need to have a license," he says, "to allow art?"

Fisher's other beef is with the city's current cabaret licensing laws. The police department, he says, issues cabaret licenses to venues that offer entertainment.

"There are venues that get harassed by the fire prevention bureau, the police department, by vice. The police have the authority to shut down an event based on

their own judgment."

Fisher complains that cabaret licenses put limitations on art.

"For example, you can only have [live] music at the Tower Two [Beach Café] in Ocean Beach on Sunday and one other night a month.... Cabaret laws were made because white [lawmakers] didn't want black people messing with other white people.... The original cabaret laws were designed to bust black clubs. It's founded in racism."

— Dave Good

Hey, Hey, Paula (See You in Court) Local firm Pro-Stars filed a lawsuit on November 8 against Paula Abdul, alleging "breach of contract." The suit contends Abdul agreed to let the company exclusively represent the trademark for a jewelry line called "Innergy By Paula Abdul." Upon finding out that Abdul inked a similar deal with Sam's Club (a Wal-Mart division), Pro-Stars filed suit in downtown's superior court.

Jewelry pieces such as a peace-sign pendant with diamonds (\$296.67) are currently listed at shop.paulaabdul.net as "sold exclusively at Sam's Club." Other items

in the line, as worn by American Idol contestants last season, include bracelets (\$65 to \$75) and necklaces (\$287 to \$1500).



ABDUL'S JEWELS CAUSE TROUBLE

In other Abdul jewelry news, the celeb must face Nancy Davis, an L.A. jeweler suing Abdul for allegedly failing to return \$36,000 worth of items loaned to wear on the May 5 American Idol finale.

– Jay Allen Sanford

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# San Diego Finally Plugged In?

This is "a rich bitch, paint-the-ghetto-psychedelic kind of town."

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ip-hop groups have a different dynamic than rock bands. Despite the individual boasting and bragging, hip-hoppers tend to mesh their contributions more seamlessly than rock players, whose goal is usually to stand out

and "solo." Edgar Alminar walks both lines, playing keyboards and percussion for rockers Irradio and also DJing as DJ GarGar for the Kneehighs, along with three MCs:

Talls, DaDa, and Dalton. "Playing with Irradio packs its own kind of energy," he says, "but the Kneehighs definitely has its own unique energy and stage presence that can't really be described. You really have to see a live show to get the full experience. The music is energetic, feel-good hiphop that'll get your grandma out of her seat.'

Alminar/GarGar thinks San Diego is finally plugged into the contemporary hip-hop scene, citing successful events like Tha Liks at 'Canes, DJ Quik at 4th & B, and especially the Up in Smoke Tour at Coors Amphitheatre. "Up in Smoke was hit after hit after hit by all the artists I grew up with. Packed amphitheatre, crazy energy — it was good to see many big-name artists sharing the stage.

Along with the increase of open-mike nights with hip-hop and spoken-word performers, it would seem the city that rapper Kev-4Play once called a "rich bitch, paint-the-ghetto-psychedelic kind of town" is finally more gabba than Abba. If you don't know what that means, you may not be the Kneehighs' target crowd.

### **DESERT ISLAND DVDS?** DJ GarGar:

1. Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind. "Everything about this movie is captivating: music, visuals, sound, acting."

2. The Cosby Show, Season One. "I've seen every episode hundreds of times, and I still haven't gotten sick of them."

3. Martin Lawrence: You So Crazy. "One of the best

stand-up comedies ever made. I still laugh till I'm crying and my stomach hurts.'

4. Memento. "This movie was put together beautifully. I love how

you end up with the same problem the main character has.

5. Dancer in the Dark. "One of the most intense movies I've ever seen. I still cringe and yell at the TV when I watch this movie.'

### Dalton:

1. Jamie Foxx: I Might Need Security. "This DVD always makes me bust a gut."

- 2. Anchorman.
- 3. Cast Away. "This movie would give me hope of getting off the island I was stranded on.'

- 1. Fast Times at Ridgemont High.
- 2. Iackie Brown
- 3. The Goonies. "I'm stuck in the '80s and love '80s movies.

### DaDa:

- 1. The Shawshank Redemption.
- 2. Dumb and Dumber. "A classic comedy."
- 3. Office Space. "One of the funniest movies ever."
- 4. Jamie Foxx: I Might Need Security.

### **BEST RECORDS OF THE YEAR?** DJ GarGar:

- 1. Kanye West, Late Registration. "The production is top notch and a step in an unheard
- 2. Common, Be. "Classic lyrics flow over classic



The Kneehighs

hip-hop beats...the vibe on the record is intense." 3. Lindsey Yung, Fusion. "One of the best voices I've heard from a local artist. The music is very original and beautiful."

4. Goodbye Blue Monday, Help Is on the Way. "Great songs from a great band — one of the better acts from San Diego.'

5. My American Heart, The Meaning in Makeup. "Solid music light years ahead of their ages; awesome arrangements. I hope my kids write music this tight."

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Talls: "Neither.' **DaDa:** "50 Cent."

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**BRADY BUNCH OR PARTRIDGE FAMILY?** (All): "Brady Bunch."

## **WORST LOCAL GIG?**

DJ GarGar: "We played 5ifth Qtr in downtown, and some guy claiming to be a famous rapper's cousin came onstage and insisted on freestyling in the middle of our set. He basically killed the vibe for the rest of the night, and he wasn't even

**DaDa:** "It was my first time onstage at the Roseary Room, and I kept spilling beer everywhere. Onstage, and on myself." ■



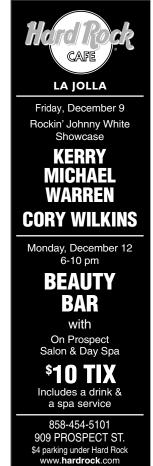
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"Jingle Ball 2005" featuring Los Lonely Boys, the B-52s, Alanis Morissette [265], Switchfoot, Train, and Hootie & the Blowfish San Diego Sports Arena, Friday, December 2, 3500 San Diego Sports Arena Boulevard, Sports Arena. 619-220-8497.

## SUNDAY

Gwen Stefani: Cox Arena, Sunday, December 4, SDSU campus, College Area, 619-594-0427 or 619-220-8497.

Bob Schneider [168]: Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, December 4, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Kanye West: RIMAC Arena, Sunday, December 4, UCSD campus, La Jolla. 858-534-8497 or 619-220-8497.

Sean Paul [116]: House of Blues, Sunday, December 4, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or

**Dwight Yoakam** [777]: Pala Events Center, Sunday, December 4, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

### **TUESDAY**

Trey Anastasio: 4th & B, Tuesday, December 6, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

## **WEDNESDAY**

The Trans-Siberian Orchestra: Cox Arena, Wednesday, December 7, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0427 or 619-220-8497.

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## **UPCOMING CONCERTS**

## **DECEMBER**

**Pat Green:** House of Blues, Thursday, December 8, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Echo & the Bunnymen [194]: House of Blues, Friday, December 9, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

**Bob Weir:** 4th & B, Friday, December 9, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Keith Urban and Deana **Carter** [774]: San Diego Sports Arena, Saturday, December 10, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard. 619-220-8497.

Korn [275]: 4th & B, Sunday, December 11, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Bauhaus [103]: 4th & B, Tuesday, December 13, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Don Edwards: Acoustic Music San Diego, Tuesday, December 13, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Unwritten Law [261]: House of Blues, Tuesday, December 13, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Unwritten Law [261]: House of Blues, Wednesday, December 14, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

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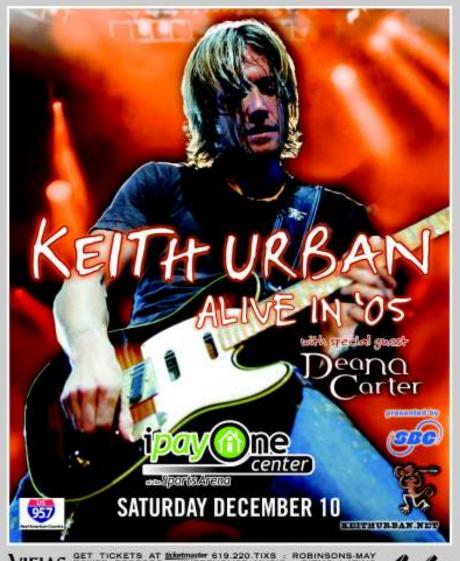
Nickel Creek [817] and Andrew Bird: House of Blues, Friday, December 16, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

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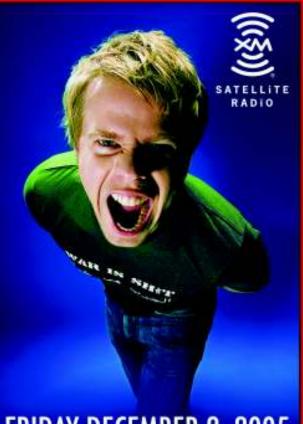
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**Al Kooper:** Acoustic Music San Diego, Saturday, January 14, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights.

G. Love & Special Sauce:  $\operatorname{Belly} \operatorname{Up}$ Tavern, Wednesday, January 18, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Pennywise [268] and No Use For a Name [216]: 4th & B, Thursday, January 19, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Eliza Gilkyson [504]: Acoustic Music San Diego, Friday, January 20, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Pennywise [268] and No Use For a Name [216]: Soma, Friday, January 20, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego, 619-226-7662 or

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BY DAVE GOOD

Dave Frishberg is a jazz oddity. At the piano, dressed like an accountant, he sings his own songs in a style enlightened by George Gershwin or Cole Porter or any of those grand, theatrical composers who played piano in broad strokes and could turn emotion on and off as if it poured from a spigot. Frishberg's songs are little Broadway vignettes about sports, love, and modern neuroses. "Pencil me in for some quality time," suggests the man in a couple consumed by their careers. Frishberg leaves little doubt as to his own politics — the enemy may have weapons of mass destruction, as he implies in "My Country Used to Be," but Americans have weapons of mass

distraction. Wistful, twinfisted keyboard work and wry insights, minus bathos: Frishberg's holiday vision is about a crushing loneliness and a depression that can't wait for the season to

But Frishberg's charm is dated. Even though his concerns are current, you hear Dick Van Patten or Rosemary Clooney in the starring roles. Frishberg keeps it grounded, but what really lurks beneath the surface of that ironic comic mind?

An attempt at self-preservation by making light of the unspeakable? If so, it's been a worthy remedy: Dave Frishberg is over 70.

Frishberg is tied to the Big Apple in the same way that Randy Newman is linked to L.A. Frishberg's rhetorical question in "Do You Miss New York?" for example, is more than a tourist's lament or a post-9/11 rant



about things that are broken and can never be fixed. New York is the country's gold standard, and via Frishberg's lyrics, one doesn't have to have set foot there to know that.

**DAVE FRISHBERG, San Diego Museum of** Art, Wednesday, December 7, 5:30 p.m. 619-232-7931 or 619-220-8497. \$17.

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### **FFRRUARY**

Air Supply: California Center for the Arts, Friday, February 3, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

Little Feat [459]: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, February 10, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

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Robyn Hitchcock [509]: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, February 23, 143 South Cedros Avenue. 858-481-9022 or 619-220-8497.

### **MARCH**

Styx [523]: House of Blues, Thursday, March 2, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Arlo Guthrie: California Center for the Arts, Monday, March 13, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

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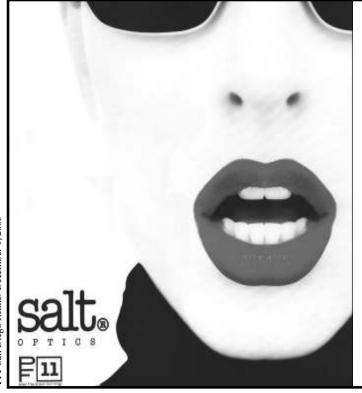
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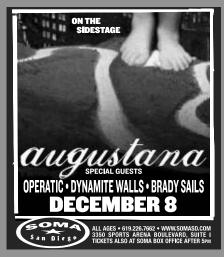


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## **ALTERNATIVE**

Agent Orange [195]: The Jumping

Analise: The Jumping Turtle Cape May [164]: Winstons The Chariot: Epicentre

The Distance: Epicentre Evergreen Terrace: Epicentre The Fleshtones: The Casbah French Toast: The Cashah

Front Row for the Meltdown:

The Glossines [134]: The Casbah GoGoGo Airheart [136]: The

Gosling: Winstons

**Instigator:** The Jumping Turtle Irwin's Conspiracy: The Casbah

Japanese Sunday: The Casbah The Joggers: The Casbah

Languis: The Casbah

The Greg MacPherson Band:

Modern Life Is War: Epicentre Most Precious Blood: Epicentre

Nightmare of You: Soma

The Noise Conspiracy: Soma Gregory Page [186]: Lestat's Coffee

Sean Paul [116]: House of Blues

The Prime Ministers: Blind Melons

Princess Superstar: The Casbah

Propagandi: Soma

The Red Elvises: Brick By Brick

RJD2: The Casbah

Bob Schneider [168]: Belly Up

Selecta Gage: The Casbah

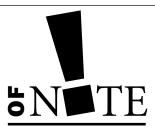
Si\*SE: The Casbah

Spare Change: Soma

The Stereotypes: The Casbah

Still Remain: Epicentre

The Strangers Six: Soma



BY WILLIAM CRAIN

In these pages in 1999, I wrote that San Diego's GoGoGo Airheart was one of few bands around that had staked claim to the legacy of post-punk heroes Gang of Four. A lot of things have changed in the past six years, many of them not for the better. But the jury is still out on this one: These days, everyone is staking claim to the legacy of Gang of Four, including Gang of Four. Meanwhile, GoGoGo Airheart has moved on. The band's latest CD, Rats! Sing! Sing! veers suddenly and without warning from screaming punk to deep dub reggae to twisted funk and noise.

But the band doesn't sound as if it's

sake of being eclectic. Lurching in different directions is what GoGoGo Airheart is all about. Since forming the band in 1996, vocalist Mike Vermillion and bassist Ashish Vyas have gone through more drummers and guitarists than anyone this side of Axl Rose, but they have held on to a spirit of experimentation and adventure.

being eclectic just for the

And that's exactly the spirit that's missing from many of the recent post-punk revivalists. Radio Four, the Rap-ture, !!!, Bloc Party, and the reunited Gang

of Four practice more or less within the confines of a style that was established 25 years ago. But 25 years ago, the best postpunk bands didn't have that safety net, and neither does GoGoGo Airheart. The danger is that sometimes the band will pull off one

GOGOGO AIRHEART

experiment and then fall on its face with the next. But that danger makes the whole

GOGOGO AIRHEART. The Casbah. Saturday. December 3, 8 p.m. 619-232-4355.

Suffrajett: Belly Up Tavern

The Super Furry Animals: House

These Arms Are Snakes: Soma

This Is Hell: Epicentre

Tristeza [300]: The Casbah

Underminded [272]: Epicentre

Western Addiction: Soma Wise Monkey: Blind Melons

With Honor: Epicentre

## **EXTENSION 4003**

## **ROCK**

The All-American Rejects:

The Atomic Punks: House of Blues

Aurora: Blind Melons

Bandanna: Carvers

The Bangles: House of Blues

The Bar Room Shakers: Blind

The Big Sound: Surf N'Saddle

Bordertown: Coyote Bar and Grill Brain Buckit [563]: Tiki House

Brax: The Ould Sod

Caribou: House of Blues

The Citizen Band: Covote Bar and

The Detroit Underground:

The Electric Waste Band:

The Elevators: McP's Irish Pub and

**51 Guns:** The Jumping Turtle 5 O'Clock Shadow: Humphrey's

Mike Gardner: Mas Fina Cantina The Ghosts of Sada: Dick's Last

Island Breeze: Humphrey's

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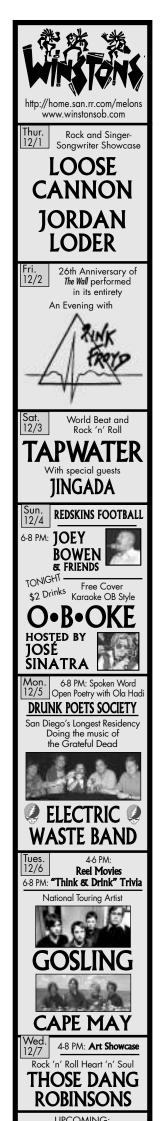




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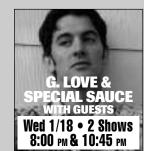
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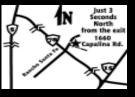
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3 Against 1 [456]: The Jumping

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## **EXTENSION 4005**

## JAZZ / BIG BAND

Carol Ames [619]: Humphrey's

The Archtones: Croce's Top Hat

The Ray Barrie Big Band: The

Tom Bishop: Rancho Bernardo Inn

Blue Largo [636]: Patrick's II, The

Rav Briz: Hotel del Coronado

The Lee Brown Perspective: Thrusters, Magnolia's

John Cain [703]: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge, Hotel del Coronado

The Jorge Camberos Quintet: Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille

The Cool Club Quartet: Dizzy's

Jo Dark: The German-American

Nick Fiore: Pasquale on Prospect

Eric Fraser: Humphrey's

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**Dehra Dun:** Lestat's Coffee House **David Elias:** Belly Up Tavern

**Tim Flannery** [828]: Carlsbad Village Theatre

**4-Way Street:** McP's Irish Pub and Grill

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The Hot Buttered Rum String Band: Belly Up Tavern

Jimmy Lewis: Tiki House
Kevin Misajon: Hennessey's Tavern

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Sean O'Donnell: Blarney Stone Pub

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Amber Rubarth: Humphrey's

**Saba** [822]: University of San Diego **Jane Siberry:** Belly Up Tavern

**Pete Thurston:** Lestat's Coffee House

**Anna Troy:** Borders Books & Music (Carlsbad)

J. Turtle: Lestat's Coffee House

Marina V.: Lestat's Coffee House

Wood'n Lips: Borders Books &

Music (El Caion)

## **EXTENSION 4009**

Lindsey Yung: Lestat's Coffee House

## **BLUES / SOUL**

Blue Rockit [955]: JP's Pub

The Blues Invaders: Pal Joey's

The Charles Burton Blues Band

Chet Cannon & the Committee:

**Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters** [932]: Big Jim's Old South
Bar-B-Q, Turquoise Cafe, Chateau
Orleans

Fuzzy & the Bluesmen [912]: Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille

**The Kyle Jester Blues Band:** The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe

L.A. Jones: Patrick's II

Jump Jones: Tio Leo's Lounge

The Life of Brian: The Gordon Biersch Brewery

The Bill Magee Blues Band [947]: Patrick's II

Jeff Moore: The Calypso Cafe
Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors

The 145th Street Deluxe Blues

Band [971]: Patrick's II Len Rainey & the Midnight Players [921]: Coyote Bar and Grill

Mem Shannon: Blind Melons Shelle Blues: Patrick's II

Shelle's Band: Island Sports & Spirits

Dean Smith: The Calypso Cafe
Triple Shot [933]: The Calypso Cafe
Johnny V. & the Usual Suspects:

Jimmy Woodard & the Swingin'

## **EXTENSION 4010**

## EVERYTHING ELSE

Armenta de San Diego: La

J.D. Boucharde [985]: Princess Pub

The Capriccio String Quartet: Tutto Mare

Ray Correa: The Butcher Shop

**Chicharrones Guapos:** The Calypso Cafe

Ferry Corsten: 4th & B
Victor Dinaire: 4th & B

Vicki Eriqat: Edelweiss Restaurant Jim Gibson: Hotel del Coronado Kjell Holmes [994]: Edelweiss

Gordon Kohl [983]: Edelweiss

Kumba Dawa: Blind Melons

**Bradley Leighton** [987]: Game Time Tavern **Los Ingratoz:** Over the Border

Bob MacLeod: Jack & Giulio's

Faith Page [989]: The Westgate

**Kristi Rickert** [998]: Top of the Cove

**David Timothy Smith:** Albie's Beef Inn

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Thomas Yearsley: The Calypso Cafe



## Calendar **CLUBS**

## **DJ EVENTS**

If you would like to include your DJ event, e-mail sellis@nethere.com or fax information to 619-881-2401 by 5:00 p.m., Friday, the week prior to publication. The listings are free.

Basis: Wednesdays, progressive house, breaks, and trance with guest DJs. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m; 21 and up. No cover. The Marin Lounge, 548 Fifth Avenue (below Tesoro Restaurant) downtown. 619-234-5670.

Club '80s: Thursdays, new wave. electro, and new romantic with DJs Bryan Pollard and Sickboy. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m; 21 and up. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, North Park. 619-574-0744.

Club Notorious: Sundays, 6 a.m to 1 a.m., breaks and house. Bacchus House, 3054 University Avenue, North Park. 619-299-2032.

Darkwave Garden: Wednesdays punk, gothic, and darkwave with DJs Bryan Pollard, AryRose, and Synex. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m; 21 and up. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

Deep: Thursdays, drum 'n' bass with Vallkrawler, Probable Cause, and Skyler Mic. 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Honey Bee Hive, 1409 C Street (corner of 14th Street, across from City College), downtown, 619-517-2030.

**Dig:** Thursdays, house music with DJs Mark E Quark, Red Sonya, and Andy Boswell. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. The Kava Lounge, 2812 Kettner Boulevard, middletown, 619-543-0933.

Flying Bridge: Third Saturday of the month, house, breaks, and hip-hop with DJs SR-71, D-niall, and Dan Gorp. 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. 1105 N. Coast Highway, Oceanside. 760-722-1151.

Inferno Young Adult **Nightclub:** Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Dizzy D spins hip-hop, R&B, and booty bass in the main room; guest DJS spin reggae and reggaeton on the patio. 775 Metcalf Street, Escondido. 760-741-1271

Liquid: Fridays, funk, down-tempo, and drum 'n' bass;9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. The Marin Lounge, 548 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-234-5670.

MixLab: Thursdays, DJ Dex spins an eclectic listening session: alternative hip-hop, urban soul, and Latin grooves. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover. Candelas, 416 Third Avenue, downtown. 619-702-4455.

Moondoggies Pacific Beach: Saturdays, Saturday Night Mix, hiphop and R&B with DJs Enigma and Cisco. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover. 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550.

One Nation: Second and fifth Saturday of the month, new wave, hip-hop, and bootleg remixes with DJs Blackstone and Atari. The Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), South Park. 619-284-6784.

**Red C Lounge:** Thursdays, Bounce Rock Skate, roller skating jams, crunk, and fun with DJs @Large and Onesix. Fridays, Choice Fridays, deep house music with Dustin Brown. Saturdays, soulful house with Mark Alan. Sundays, drum 'n' bass with Calculon. Tuesdays, groove Tuesdays, groovy house with Red Sonya. Wednesdays, Hump Wednesdays. No cover; 21 and up. 756 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-2838.

**Sabbat:** Second Saturday of the month, Rich's, 1051 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-295-2195. Fourth Saturday of the month, the Flame, 3780 Park Boulevard, Hillcrest, 619-295-4163. DJs Adam Atom, Dekay, and Robin Roth, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up.

Solo Para Mujeres: Wednesdays, reggaeton, rock en Español, and hip-



## >hometown CDs

Album: New Style (2004) Artist: Jeff Bloom Label: Turtledove Music

Songs: 1) Come Together 2) Hey Hey Hey (Deep Blue Sea) 3) Peace on Earth 4) Outer Space Cowboy 5) Move to the Music 6) Love 7) Sing a Song 8) Something Within 9) Drum Solo Sky 10) Sun 11) Magical Trees (Keep from Falling) 12) Wish 13) Fire 14) Om (bonus track)

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**Band:** Jeff Bloom (vocals, electric and acoustic guitar. tambourine), Elijah Emanuel (vocals), Bounty Hunta (vocals), Sky Adam Ricci (drums), Preston Mays (bass), Christian Dove (electric and acoustic guitar, backing vocals), Brian Jordan (electric guitar), Michael Lacoste (didgeridoo)

Extra info: Jeff Bloom is currently touring in Vancouver, B.C. He can be seen locally at the Ocean Beach Farmers Market on Newport Ave. and Bacon St. on Wednesdays from 4 to 7:30 p.m.

This 14-song CD is saturated with rolling choruses. Some repetition is found in the more lackadaisical instrumental jams, but each melody has its

hop. 8 p.m. Baja Club, 1060

619-521-4747.

Broadway, Chula Vista. 619-425-2512.

**Spatuland:** First and third Saturday

dancers. 10 p.m. Recognize, 4746 El Cajon Boulevard, City Heights.

Therapy: Fridays, industrial, electro,

of the month, electro DIs, tribal

and gothic with DJs Bryan Polla DarkAngel, Evil Boi, and guests. with DJs Bryan Pollard

Website: www.jeffbloommusic.com

own groove. While the mix offers variety, arrangements are predictable - each a lengthy ballad that starts with mellow acoustics and builds into breezy percussion.

9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Shooterz,

**Transport:** First and third Saturdays

of the month, Brit rock, indie, and electroclash with DJ Gabe Vega and

guests. The Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern

Street (corner of 30th and Juniper),

South Park, 619-284-6784.

3815 30th Street, North Park.

619-574-0744.

horn section in "Outer Space Cowboy" provides enough depth to shift attention away from irritating synths and overblown distortion. The amount of distortion in the heavier tracks raises the question of whether or not Bloom can sing. His vocal contributions in the rockers are inaudible; either drowned out by loud instrumentals or digitally morphed into something unrecognizable. He does render a decent cover of Jimi Hendrix's "Fire," but the languid tempo of Bloom's version might be too tame for some.

The rock aspect of Bloom's

sound is where he falters. A

The melodic strength is in the acoustics, which are responsible for concealing some of Bloom's jejune reflections: "here today, gone tomorrow, everything they know they had to borrow/ they don't even say what they mean, 'cuz ego takes away the original dream."

The pulsating beats of "Move to the Music," stick to reggae, and a funk trend con-



tinues into "Love" and "Sing a Song." Chanting in unison with his troupe, Bloom advocates peace on earth, one love, and one people - nothing earth-shattering in his lyricism. Each reggae cut features guest vocals from Elijah Emanuel, Bounty Hunta, and Jah Free, which keeps it

(To hear a sample from New Style, call 619-233-9797, wait for the prompt, then punch in ext. 4732.)

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Belly Up Tayern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursday, 8 p.m., *Jane* Siberry and David Elias. Saturday, 9 p.m., the Hot Buttered Rum String Band, bluegrass/folk. Sunday, 8 p.m., Bob Schneider and Suffrajett, rock/alternative.

Big Jim's Old South Bar B Q, 190 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas. Sunday, 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters, blues.

Boar Cross'n, 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-2989. Friday and Saturday, Y3K, classic rock.

The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe, Flower Hill Mall, I-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, 8 p.m., the Kyle Jester Blues

Borders Books & Music, 1905 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad, 760-479-0242. Friday, Patty Hall, funk/blues/folk. Saturday, 7 p.m., Anna Troy, folk.

Bub's Whiskey Dive, 301 Pier View Way, Oceanside. 760-757-BUBS. Friday, *Loud Residence*, rock. Saturday, the Stone Shakers, rock

The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Thursday, *Chicharrones Guapos*. Friday, Jeff Moore and Dean Smith, blues. Saturday, Triple Shot, blues. Sunday, Sambajazz. Monday, Thomas Yearsley, pedal steel guitar. Tuesday, Adrienne Nims & Calima, flamenco. Wednesday, Blue Largo, blues/jazz.

Carlsbad Village Theatre, 2822 State Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-0089. Saturday, 7:30 p.m., Eve Selis, Tim Flannery, Berkley Hart, and Mary Dolan, acoustic/folk.

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday and Saturday, Bandanna, rockabilly

Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the Citizen Band*, 10 p.m., DJ event. Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., Bordertown, rock/blues/folk, 10:30 p.m., DJ event. Saturday 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., Len Rainey & the Midnight Players, blues, 10:30 p.m., DJ event. Sunday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time, jazz. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., Red Lane, rock/blues.

The Del Dios Country Store, 20154 Lake Drive, Escondido. 760-745-2733. Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., the North County Cowboys,

Game Time Tavern, 12735 Poway Road, Poway. 858-748-0015. Friday and Saturday, live classic rock. Tuesday, Bradley Leighton, R&B/jazz/dance.

Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Friday, *Leo* Rising, rock. Saturday, the New Breed Band, pop/jazz.

The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, 5951 Linea del Cielo, Rancho Santa Fe. 858-756-1131. Thursday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Jerry Melnick, jazz/variety

**The Jumping Turtle,** 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos. 760-471-7778. Music is alternative/heavy rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday and Friday, call club for information. Saturday, 3 Against 1, Front Row for the Meltdown, and 51 Guns. Wednesday, Agent Orange, Instigator,

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, *Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors*, blues. Friday and Monday, the Charles Burton Blues Band. Saturday and Sunday, the Blues Brokers.

Longshot Saloon, 643 Grand Avenue, San Marcos, 760-744-8576.

Mas Fina Cantina, 2780 State Street, Carlsbad. 760-434-3497. Wednesday, 8 p.m., Mike Gardner, McCabe's Beach Club, 1145 South Tremont Street, Oceanside. 760-439-6646, Friday, 4:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., the California Rangers,

Neimans Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4131. Friday and Saturday,

Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-675-8500. El Bizcocho Restaurant: Friday, 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., and Saturday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., Jerry Melnick and Tom Bishop, jazz/variety.

Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101). Solana Beach, 858-755-9474 Friday, the Big Sound, rock. Wednesday, open mike.

Tomiko Bar & Grill, 87 Encinitas Boulevard, Encinitas, 760-633-3587. Saturday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Ben Powell*, blues/jazz.

Woody's Sports Bar, 2329 South Centre City Parkway, Escondido. 760-735-8599. Friday and Saturday, live classic rock.

### **BEACHES**

Blind Melons, 710 Garnet Avenue Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, Kumha Dawa, world beat. Friday, Alfred Howard & the K23 Orchestra, jazz/funk/hip-hop. Saturday, Wise Monkey, acid jazz/groove. Sunday, the Prime Ministers, rock. Monday, open mike. Tuesday, Mem Shannon, blues. Wednesday, Aurora and the Bar Room Shakers, rock.

'Canes, 3105 Ocean Front Walk Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Call club or see ad for information.

**Chateau Orleans,** 926 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach. 858-488-6744. Thursday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, blues.

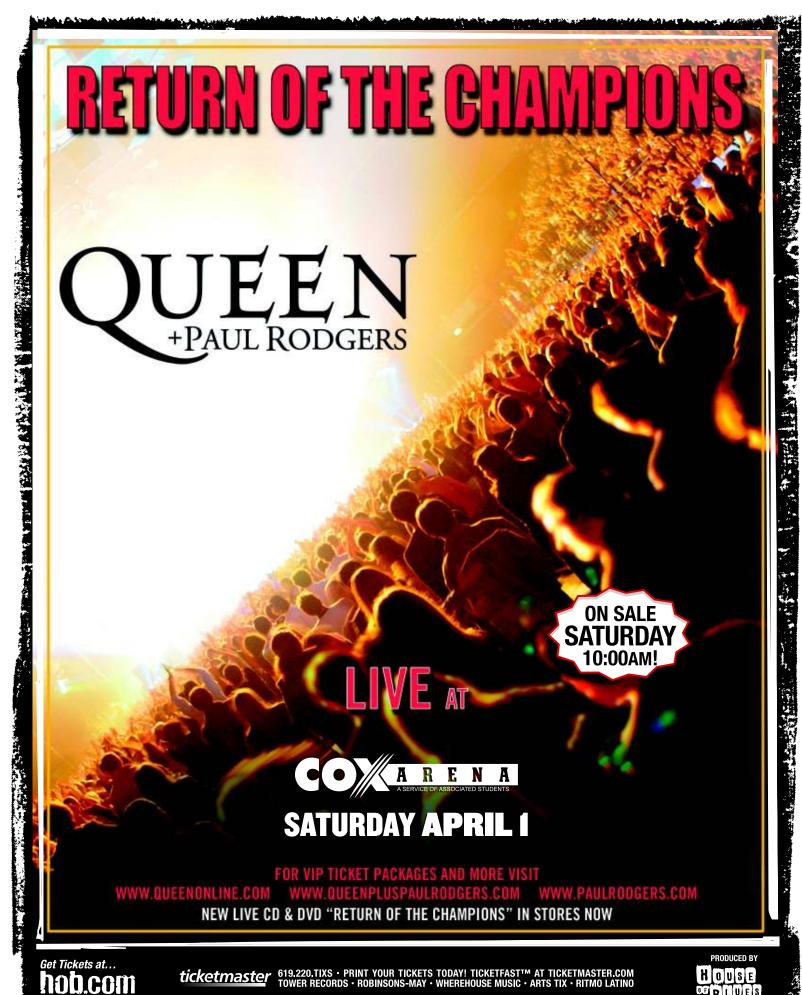
Dreamstreet, 2228 Bacon Street. Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Wednesday, live rock/alternative.

Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge (atop the Hotel La Jolla), 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla. 858-459-0541. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *John Cain*, international dance music.

Excelsior, 1025 Prospect Street #201 (second floor), La Jolla. 858-454-8092. Wednesday, live jazz.

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach 858-483-8847. Friday, Kevin Misajon Saturday, Pickford's Party, rock.

La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-0771. Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Barry* Levich, jazz. Friday, call club for information. Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., Armenta de San Diego, world lounge music. Sunday and Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., Rick



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Tavern at the Beach, 1200 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-272-6066. Live music, call club for information.

Thrusters, 4633 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-483-6334. Wednesday, 10 p.m. to 1 a.m., the Lee Brown Perspective, jazz.

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Thursday, call club for information. Friday, Brain Buckit, rock. Saturday, Normal Heights, rock. Sunday, Jimmy Lewis, acoustic. Wednesday, Shoestring Strap, bluegrass/rockabilly.

**Turquoise Cafe,** 873 Turquoise Street, La Jolla. 858-488-4200. Friday, call club for information. Monday, Greek and Turkish music. Wednesday, Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters, blues.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, *Loose Cannon*, rock. Friday, Pink Froyd, classic rock. Saturday, Tapwater and Jingada, rock. Sunday, Inev Bowen, acoustic Monday, the Electric Waste Band, classic rock. Tuesday, Gosling and Cape May. Wednesday, Those Dang Robinsons

### **SAN DIEGO**

**The Aero Club,** 3365 India Street, San Diego. 619-297-7211. Call club for information.

Albie's Beef Inn, 1201 Hotel Circle South, San Diego. 619-291-1103. Friday and Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, 7 p.m., David Timothy

The Bahia Belle Cruise, the Bahia Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay. 858-539-7779. Departs 6:30 p.m. Friday, *B Natural*, Top 40. Saturday, *Nude Blues*, classic rock.

Blarney Stone Pub, 5617 Balboa Thursday, Friday, and Saturday Harold & Chris, Irish folk. Sunday, open mike. Monday, Sean O'Donnell and Allison Gill. Tuesday, Irish jam session. Wednesday, call club for information

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Live rock/alternative most nights. Call club for information. Saturday, the Red Elvises and the Spots.

Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Thursday, the Chariot, Evergreen Terrace, Still Remain, and Underminded. Sunday, Most Precious Blood, With Honor, Modern Life Is War, the Distance, and This Is Hell.

The Gordon Biersch Brewery, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego 619-688-1120. Friday, the Life of Brian, blues.

Harry's Bar & American Grill. 4370 La Jolla Village Drive, San Diego. 858-373-1252. Friday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., the Jaime Valle-Bob Magnusson House of Blues, 1055 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-299-2583. Thursday, Super Furry Animals and Caribou, alternative. Friday, the Bangles, rock, Saturday, the Atomic Punks, rock. Sunday, Sean Paul, rap. Wednesday, Dierk's Bentley and Cross Canadian Ragweed, alternative.

Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. Backstage Lounge: Thursday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Laguna*, classic rock. Friday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., 5 *O'Clock Shadow*, classic rock, 9:30 p.m., *Makai*, dance/disco. Saturday, 9:30 p.m., *Detroit Underground*, rock/soul. Sunday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Eric Fraser*, smooth jazz. Tuesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Island Breeze*, Jimmy Buffet tribute band. Wednesday, 7 p.m., Amber Rubarth, 8 p.m. to midnight, Carol Ames, rock.

The Imperial House, 505 Kalmia Street, San Diego. 619-234-3525. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., *Rick Lyon*, pop standards/Top 40/variety.

In Cahoots, 5373 Mission Center Road, Mission Valley, 619-291-8635. Call club for information

The Inn Suites, 2223 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-296-2101. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., workshop/concert with the San Diego Concert Jazz Band.

JP's Pub. 10436 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Tierrasanta. 858-576-2509. Friday, Blue Rockit, blues/rock.

Jack & Giulio's Italian **Restaurant,** 2391 San Diego Avenue, Old Town. 619-294-2074. Thursday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., the Jim Guerin Duo, jazz. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., Bob MacLeod, pianist.



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The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Friday, the Screamin' Yeehaws,

Kitima Thai Restaurant,  $406\,$ University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-298-2929. Friday through Sunday, and Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Jim* Gala Jazz Trio.

Lestat's Coffee House, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, Pete Thurston. Friday, Dehra Dun and Chasing Paper. Saturday, Gregory Page. Sunday, John Hull and Jamie Robb. Monday, open mike. Wednesday, J. Turtle, Lindsey Yung, and Marina V.

Magnolia's, 336 Euclid Avenue, San Diego. 619-262-6005. Sunday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., the Lee Brown Perspective, jazz.

Mister A's. 2550 Fifth Avenue, San Diego. 619-239-1377. Thursday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 9:30 p.m., Jason Weber, jazz saxophone.

O'Connell's Pub and **Nightclub,** 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friday through Sunday, and Wednesday, live

The Ould Sod. 3373 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-6594. Friday, *Brax*. Tuesday, traditional Irish jam session. Wednesday, *DJ Andre Fraire*.

**Pal Joey's,** 5147 Waring Road, Allied Gardens. 619-286-7873. Friday and Saturday, the Blues Invaders,

**Riley's Sports Bar,** 2901 Nimitz Boulevard, Point Loma. 619-255-8635. Friday, the David Patrone Quartet, jazz. Saturday, acid jazz Wednesday, the Stilettos, rockabilly.

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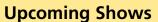
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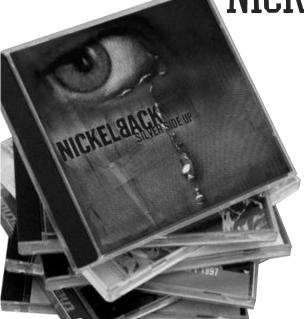


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## **Evil Smarmies**

"There are hundreds of Hubbards...and they will own this country someday."

n Cygnet Theatre's Little Foxes, a minor scenic detail speaks volumes. It's the spring of 1900, in a small town in the Deep South. Lillian Hellman's play takes place in Regina Giddens's living room. Several paintings look down on a

parquet floor, Persian rugs, thickly textured curtains. But Regina hasn't showcased the paintings. They're just part of the furnishings, with one exception: the

gleaming gold-leaf frames hog all available gaslight and steal focus from the art they should enhance.

Regina's a Giddens, by marriage, but a Hubbard at heart. She and her two brothers own some of the South's richest cotton fields. They treat the environment as a colonized possession and rule with regal impunity. But a Hubbard, almost by definition, must crave more. Beneath their pseudo-Southern charm lurks some of the theater's most avaricious predators.

And hypocrites. Oscar shoots game for sport every morning but refuses to share his kill with the underprivileged (or even let them hunt). "People ought to help other people," he says, "but that's not always the way it happens." This comes on the heels of him proclaiming the Hubbard motto: "It's every man's duty to think of himself."

It's a mistake to underestimate the Hubbards. Their plan's so smart you wonder why no one thought of it before. The South grows the cotton, then ships it to mills in the North. Why not, as Ben Hubbard says, "bring the machine to the cotton?" — build a mill near the fields and eliminate the in-betweens. The family just needs financing. And there's the rub. Make money an issue and their familial truce vanishes. They'll finally have, as Regina's husband Horace says, "their great quarrel."

In a directorial touch as telling as the gold rectangles on the walls, Sean Murray gives the Hubbards a kind of pack behavior. Whenever

an outsider's in the room, Regina and her brothers block the exits, frame the person from three sides, and slowly edge closer, like stalking foxes. Unlike the melodramatic style productions give the play, the moves are spare, instinctive, creepy.

Murray accepts Hellman's melodramatics: half the characters are "good"; the other half evil smarmies (someone pointed out that the "good" ones like music, the others don't). But Murray doesn't tweak Hellman's obvious scheme for effect. Instead he's encouraged acting as textured as Jeanne Reith's costumes, and humorous touches, and a question: Is Ben prophetic when he claims, "There are hundreds of Hubbards...and they will own this country someday."

Cygnet's on a roll. Murray and company have staged many of 2005's best productions — Burn This, Cat on a Hot Tin Roof, Curse of the Starving Class, and now The Little Foxes — it's hard to choose one over the others. It's also hard to detect a pattern, since each has a distinctive theatrical style, period, and scenic demands. One word that



Glynn Beddington, Michael Harvey in The Little Foxes

The Little Foxes, by Lillian Hellman

Cygnet Theatre, 6663 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area

Directed by Sean Murray; cast: Rosina Reynolds, Tom Stephenson, Tim West, Glynn Beddington, Michael Harvey, Rachael Van Wormer, Joseph Panwitz, Cynthia Marie Brooks, Tom Zohar; scenic design, Murray; costumes, Jeanne Reith; lighting, Eric Lotze; sound, Melissa E. Lewis

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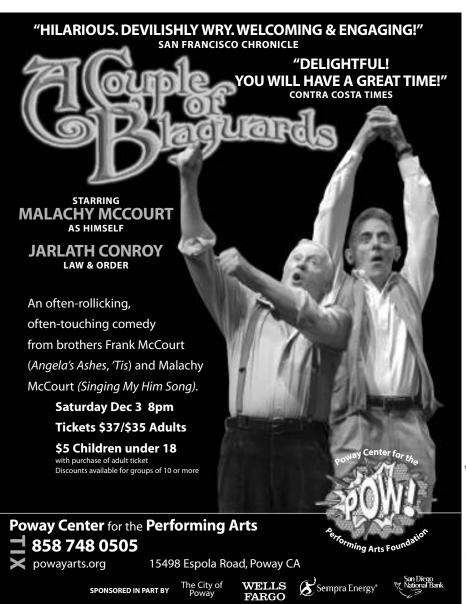
applies to all is "quality."

Another is "magnet." Cygnet assembles the top local actors and gives them meaty roles. Foxes

is a prime example. Rosina Reynolds is an obvious choice for Regina. But the choices she makes in the role fascinate. Acting often suffers from

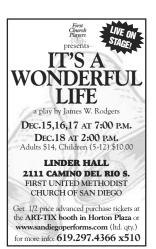






inbreeding: how did so-and-so play a character or create suchand-such a moment? Women attempting Regina ask how Tallulah Bankhead did her in the original (the director reined her in); or Anne Bancroft in the mid-'60s revival (icy); or Liz Taylor (over-the-top sprawly). Questions like this pull theater away from life and into reflections of itself. The "character" that emerges becomes a patchwork of previous choices. Reynolds, by contrast, asks a much more useful question: what would Regina do?

She'd use her weakness as a strength: accept her family status, as a traditional wife and subordinate woman, and then



control by seeming not to. She would flatter, cajole, play dumb, and, when the occasion arises, rival Machiavelli's prince for power grabs. If the Hubbards ever played Monopoly — and that would be a sight to see-Regina'd have hotels on Boardwalk and Park Place long before her brothers reached Marvin

But Reynolds adds another rinse. Mostly through body language and expressive eyes, she gives Regina the glimmer of a conscience. Circumstances stuck her in a rigged game. What she craves most of all is escape (she dreams of life in Chicago the way Chekhov's three Prozorov sisters do Moscow). She'll do anything to get out. And in the end, her haunted look betravs an awareness that no end could justify the means she employed.

Tom Stephenson gives Ben Hubbard an ambassador's calm veneer. Beneath it, Stephenson suggests in subtle ways, lurks a carnivore every inch as vicious as Regina. Unlike most melodramas, where good triumphs with a glitzy flourish, The Little Foxes ends somewhere in the middle. Ben and Regina have only begun to torment each other. And Stephenson's excellent performance hints that their final showdown, as Wellington said of Waterloo, will be a "damn closerun thing."

Stephenson plays an iceberg. Glynn Beddington's wonderful Birdie is a gentle volcano. Abused by her husband Oscar (Tim West, convincing as

a dinosaur in tweed), Birdie's an enabler both financially and emotionally. But she will have her say, even if it takes all the sherry in the South to trigger

Joseph Panwitz, Tom Zohar, and especially Cynthia Marie Brooks do solid support work. Brooks's deftly under-Addie, stated African-American maid (and Hellman's raisonneur), defines the territory: "There are people who eat the earth and eat all the people on it like in the Bible with the locusts. Then there are people who stand around and watch them eat it.

Michael Harvey shows his versatility by playing Marshall, the Chicago financier, and Regina's sickly husband Horace. Though once ruled by Hubbard greed, including affairs with outside women," Horace found an alternative beyond "eating" and "watching." But will Regina's daughter Alexandra? In 20 years, will she see the art or just the gold frames? Alexandra is Hellman's agitprop heroine, make no mistake. But Rachel Van Wormer fills the 17-year-old with such genuine confusion that, when she finally takes a stand, it resonates. ■

## THEATER LISTINGS

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### Adam Baum and the Jew Movie Samuel Baum is a movie mogul

(based on Samuel Goldwyn) and proud Jewish father of Adam, a son about to have his Bar Mitzvah. In Daniel Goldfarb's sketchy comedydrama (based on a 1946 story conference between Goldwyn and Ring Lardner Jr.), Samuel's two roles conflict: though not orthodox, he honors the traditions of his faith in private, yet makes successful assimilationist movies that deny Jewish culture ("you've created an American dream," the Lardner character shouts, "that excludes you"). Sam's a contradiction, and so's the writer. Garfield Hampson's left-liberal heart bleeds for the persecuted and oppressed. Or does it? Adam Baum touches on crucial themes - anti-Semitism, censorship of differences, entrenched Dorian Gray hypocrisy — but also settles for tension-deflating bits (change a shirt, punch a stomach, learn to shake hands) and a tacked-on, maudlin conclusion. For 6th@Penn, when he isn't trying to turn Samuel into King Lear, Ralph Elias does solid work as the brash boss and gentle/brash father. Max Macke combines Hampson's two stereotypes, wide-eyed fellow traveler ("a red with a gold watch") and red-faced bigot, into something resembling a character. As young Adam Baum, persecuted for his suddenly notorious name as well as his religion, Zev Lerner's conflicted reactions do more for the play's themes than anything in the script. Worth a try.

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"The tyranny of a prince in an oligarchy," wrote Montesquieu, "is not so dangerous to public welfare as the apathy of a citizen in a democracy." As if to illustrate the point, Tony Kushner's early drama takes place in Berlin, 1932-33 (a period, he says, when choices still existed). As the Nazis rise to power, artists/close friends haggle deny, and eventually fall away as brownshirts steadily encircle them. Composed of 25 scenes and blackouts, Bright Room has both inventive insights and dramatic predictability. Although director Brendan Fox gives scenes the whiff of melodrama, which tempers the raw emotion Kushner favors, the Diversionary/Backyard Productions staging has impressive design work (Michelle Hunt's period costumes and Francis Thumm's knockout background music) and a top-notch local cast: especially Darren Scott as Baz, a gay man; Priscilla Allen as a starving ghost; Jessica John as a self-centered actor; the amazing Richard Baird as Satan (who could be a CEO or hold high public office); and Amanda Sitton as Zillah. She's a 2005 grad student who draws telling parallels between Hitler Germany and our era of corporate globalization and erasure of civil liberties. Some may find Sitton's character, who speaks as if Starbuck'd to the gills on gonzo lattes, too paranoid. Zillah might reply by quoting William S. Burroughs: "Paranoia means having all the facts."

## Worth a try.

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## **A Christmas Carol**

San Diego Repertory Theatre presents an "American Carol," set in the first half of the 20th Century with ragtime, jazz, and bebop music. Kirsten Brandt directed

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### **A Christmas Carol**

The Julian Theater Company presents Dickens's tale of "one haunted Christmas Eve," adapted by Don Winslow and directed by Scott Kinney

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## Worth a try.

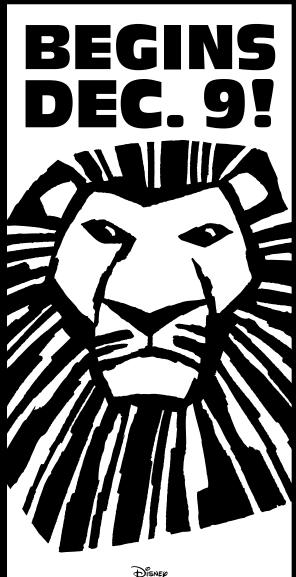
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For its annual holiday show, Lamb's goes to "jazz-filled 1928 St. Louis," where a family debates the merits of Christmas celebration.

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## La Pastorela Noel

For its 15th annual nativity play, Teatro Mascara Magica presents the popular Mexican folk tale of shepherds journeying to Bethlehem and (30 minutes before each performance on the Old Globe Plaza) La Posada, Joseph and Mary's search for shelter. CASSIUS CARTER CENTRE STAGE, SI-

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## The Little Foxes

Reviewed this issue. Critic's pick.

CYGNET THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, COLLEGE AREA, THROUGH DECEMBER 18; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-337-1525. X3.

## Marat/Sade

Two years ago, almost without fanfare, Ion Theatre staged Samuel Beckett's difficult Endgame with impressive results. Ion now offers Peter Weiss's masterpiece. The production has drawbacks but many strengths as well. Weiss has the Marquis de Sade write and produce a play about the murder of French Revolutionary Jean-Paul Marat, by Charlotte Corday, performed by inmates at Charenton, an asylum where Sade's a political prisoner. The plurality of focus inmates going nuts, parades, characters within characters, songs, and up-to-the-minute debates about war, economics, and abuses of power — creates problems of focus Ion doesn't always overcome (also, young actors in supporting roles exhibit too much glee at trying to scare the audience; so we get pseudo-Halloween horror instead of the Real Deal: if the production doesn't make audiences extremely



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uncomfortable, on as many levels as the play's, it hasn't done its job). Sade and Marat bookend the stage Claudio Raygoza gives Sade an eerie, precise, almost inhuman stillness; is he in supreme control or barely hanging on? Tended by Simone Evrard (a madonna-like Anahid Shahrik), Matt Scott's Marat has more layers than a geological dig. Was Marat the people's saint or a bloodsucking totalitarian swine? In one of the best performances of 2005, Scott makes both interpretations possible. Worth a try.

ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS, 4580-B ALVARADO CANYON ROAD, MISSION VALLEY; THROUGH DECEMBER 4; FRI DAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUN-DAY AT 7:00 P.M. 619-245-4958.

### The Messiah

Community Actors Theatre presents Annice Snodgrass's story of the "true meaning of Christmas," adapted and directed by Jennie Hamilton.

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### My Three Angels

The Coronado Playhouse offers Sam and Bella Spewack's comedy about three convicts who try to stop an evil plot. James Gary Byrd directed.

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"Best Nutcracker" CORONADO FERRY LANDING), THROUGH DECEMBER 18; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-435-4856

## **National Comedy Theatre**

ComedySportz changed its name, but its methods (and madness) remain the same. Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags"). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American football"), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on ActroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a challenge match against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played "Emotional Sympathy," "Shakespeare," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledge failure, abundantly, then forget it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian Worth a try.

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### Poor Players Reading: King Henry VI

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### Poor Players Reading: King Richard III

The Poor Players read Shakespeare's history drama, about a Machiavellian avant la lettre, usurper.

NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987 LOMAS SANTA FE DRIVE, SOLANA BEACH, MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, AT 7:00 P.M. 619-255-1401.

### San Diego Theatresports

A cross between improvisational comedy and Family Feud. Improv, making up a funny scene as you go along, is tough enough. Add competitive scene making, with the audience awarding points to the winning team. Purists might balk at the odiousness of comparisons used in this format, but San Diego Theatresports' "game show" is a hoot. The 90-minute evening offers different bits. The show I caught had "Team Sports" — two pairs of players competed, taking suggestions from the audience; and "Gorilla Theatre" - five directors invented scenes, using the other four as actors. The winner got a banana, the loser a "forfeit" (other formats include "Micetro" and "Improv Survivors"). Some attempts went nowhere (I repeat: improv is tough; I did it in my, as hindsight reveals, callow youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group makes the hits much more frequent than the misses. Their guru, Keith Johnstone, wrote one of the very best books I've ever read about making theater. And they put his pearls to good use. Their motto: "Remember, when it's not funny, it's art."

## Worth a try.

THE FUNHOUSE, 6822 EL CAJON BOULEVARD (BETWEEN 68TH AND 69TH), COLLEGE AREA, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:45 P.M. (THE "FAMILY" SHOW) AND AT 9:45 P.M. ("RATED PG-13"), 619-465-7469,

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### The Sum of Us

6th@Penn Theatre stages David Stevens's comedy-drama about a widower and his son. Douglas Lav directed.

6TH@PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AV-ENUE, HILLCREST, THROUGH DECEM-BER 21: SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MONDAY THROUGH WEDNESDAY AT 7:30 P.M. AF-TER DECEMBER 5: THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-688-9210.

### Too Old for the Chorus: But Not Too Old to Be a Star

Every seven seconds, a Baby Boomer becomes "officially old" by turning 50. Mark Winkler, Marie Cain, and Shelly Markham's musical revue bemoans, and eventually (and predictably) accepts this condition. In the finale, five performers vow to find new "Potential" in their sixth decade of life. All five are polished pros: Steve Anthony does a spectacular tap number ("When 50 Wore Tux"); Teri Ral-

ston adds emotional depth to songs with skimpy lyrics; Susan Jordan handles the comedic chores with ease (and does a sultry samba with Anthony); David Holmes and Brian Byers always contribute. Problem is: they're much better than the material. Too Old has three or four catchy/moving numbers (especially "Lunch Hour Lift," about quickie plastic surgery; the Wordsworthian "The Child Is Fa-ther to the Man"; and Holmes's touching rendition of "Dog Passages," in which the singer marks the years by the dogs he's had). The rest, though always well done (and the cast snappily dressed by Jill K. Mesaros), are negligible. They hold down slots till better songs come along - of which Too Old could use at least six. The revue has a frame: the five performers are auditioning for a chorus, and, of course, for the next phase of their lives. To merit a callback, Too Old needs major reinventing. THEATRE IN OLD TOWN, 4040 TWIGGS STREET, OLD TOWN, THROUGH JAN-UARY 1; TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATI-NEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-688-2494.

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Here's how it works: You wander around and choose the wine(s) you want, then take them to a table if you want to sit down for a bite. But dinnertime, when the place starts to fill, it's more like "I'll grab a table — you go get wine." The space here is a two-room street-level wine "cellar" with a kitchen in the back and a handful of tables among the racks; only 22 nibblers can be seated at once. After you've secured a table, wineshoppers will be roaming around you, looking for their own bottles. If the inside tables are full, there are four more out on a heated patio, plus, in the cozy lounge, couches and cocktail tables by the fireplace. Or you can belly up to the bar. The best strategy is to go at an odd hour, either earlier or later than the peak hours of 6:30-8:30 p.m.

The larger room features red wines, the smaller is filled with whites, most selling for just 20 percent over wholesale. Reserve bottles are in a closetlike room behind the bar and include interesting choices from Burgundy, the Rhône, and California boutique wineries at considerably lower cost than I expected. While you won't find the big-ticket classified Bordeaux that you can order at Thee Bungalow, I did spot a Puligny Montrachet and a Helen Turley at prices even an ink-stained wretch of the press could handle for a special occasion.

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Our group, which included Dave, Marty,



and the Lynnester, nominated Dave to be our roving sommelier, while the rest of us chewed over the menu. Dave returned with a Beaujolais in one hand and a Macon-Villages in the other (both under \$20), which the bartender whisked

off to chill for 15 minutes. My partner, faithful to the brew, chose Belgium's mellow Chimay, which was passed around with approving nods as an ale that wine lovers could love.

Longtime chef Juan Flores oversees the kitchen at both Thee Bungalow and the Third Corner, with separate staffs at each. Here, the appetizer menu tilts toward simple French bistro noshes, including many that are easy on the kitchen: plates of olives, pâtés, smoked meats, smoked salmon, artisan cheeses, and salads. Most of these dishes fill full-size dinner plates, which make for easy sharing. The ambiance is so casual, feel free to pass plates around the table and, after the first round, call out, "Who wants seconds on the salmon?" or "Let me taste that salad again.'

What all the salads have in common is their wine-friendliness — the dressings are mild, so the vinegar doesn't overwhelm the flavors of its less acidic bottled cousins. Our table's favorite starter was a goat-cheese salad, sporting large

puffs of Laura Chenel's creamy chèvre with roasted pine nuts and mixed greens in a pomegranate vinaigrette — a recipe held over from the old

Third Corner. A close second was the still-evolving pâté plate, which features a rich poultry-liver mousse made across the street at Thee Bungalow, plus two coarser-textured country pâtés which are about to be replaced by pork and duck rillettes ("the best pâté that Juan makes," says Ed Moore) and a venison or goose terrine, both from the big-sister restaurant. The platter includes the standard Gallic array of toasted baguette slices, capers, cornichons, and a blob of mustard. Moore's own favorite appetizer (which we didn't try) pairs marinated housesmoked duck breast with a watercress salad and blue cheese - especially good, Moore says, with

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A smoked salmon salad offers pretty good Scottish lox with chopped eggs, capers, and pickled onion. Given the Francophile context, I'd have fancied a daub of crème fraîche to moisten the fish. A "classic" Caesar salad isn't exactly classic (what restaurant dares use raw egg yolks?), but we enjoyed the whole leaves of Romaine heart (the classic lettuce, at least!) and zingy white anchovies with shaved Parmesan cheese in a suave dressing. The charcuterie (smoked meats) assortment, served on a wooden plank, is another dish that's still evolving but typically includes three meats from Spain (that evening they were herb-coated salami, Spanish prosciutto, and, uh, mystery meat) hidden under a



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heap of field greens dressed in a tarragon-mustard vinaigrette so flavorful that Lynne couldn't let go of the dish once it made its second-round landing in front of her.

Entrées are equally easygoing - they're either quickly fixed today, or braised yesterday, probably across the street. There's nothing haute cuisine, for instance, about short ribs in red wine sauce. They taste like great French home-cooking prepared at leisure and come with homey mashed potatoes and an Asian-style vegetable mixture (served with all main courses) of julienned carrots and zukes, dressed in sesame seeds and toasted sesame oil.

A duck confit entrée centers on a small leg/thigh piece, fatless and tender. The side of Louisiana-style red beans and rice comes as a shock in the Frenchy context. We all sat up, wide awake, when those sparky Caiun flavors hit. On the other hand, made-to-order dishes

(like baked mussels, baked fish, and grilled pork tenderloin) still need work —although we did like sopping up Thai-style mussel sauce with baguette slices. These may be better next week, it's early times yet.

The servers are young and as bubbly as newly bottled champagne; their style is the opposite of "hovering," close to self-service. If you want something, you go to the bar and ask for it or wave at a server - any server. This is informal verging on disorganized, but once you figure out how to handle it,

The list of sweets is brief and basic, with crème brulée, chocolate Marquis (a fudgy chocolate torte), fresh berries with fruit sorbets (misnomered gelato on the menu). The one semi-ambitious dessert is a "Napoleon" featuring Chenel goat cheese sandwiched between huge cookies, chewy and nutty like granola, and slicked on top with lavender honey a flavor that magically links the cheese with the pastry. If you've still got some wine left (or want to try another glass or bottle), it's a perfect opportunity to return to the top of the menu and

enjoy the artisanal cheese assortment. The wine's the thing here. Don't be bashful there's plenty more in the racks. begging for a good home. With the holidays coming, now's a good time to stock your cellar, and have some fun doing it.

### **ABOUT THE THIRD CORNER**

The bistro is still very new, but owner Ed Moore has long experience in the food and wine business, and he's keeping a close eye on his latest progeny. "I was there last night until about 5:30, left at 6:30, and I went back again about 10:30," he says. "Long days, about 100 hours a week. I want to make sure that this one works better than the last one did. I built the original Third Corner to be the restaurant I personally would have wanted to dine in. We tried and tried, but sometimes you strike out...The first week [at the new bistro] I did better business than I ever did at the Third Corner when it was a seafood restaurant.

'I want this place to be a retail wine shop first and foremost. Good, bad, or indifferent, I don't want a review as a restaurant. Tomorrow, a great big blow-up gorilla

is going up on the roof with a 'Grand Opening' sign, and that's all you need in Ocean Beach. I have only 22 seats. People can sit on the patio if they don't want to wait; we have heaters out there. I'm tired of the San Diego mentality that says, 'Oh, it's too cold out there,' yet they'll go to Paris and sit on the Champs-Elysées paying eight bucks for an espresso when it's 35 degrees out and say it's marvelous. This is the best place to come from the standpoint of having a bottle of wine with your food. I made the menu low-labor and wine-friendly. But we're still working out all the little bugs..

Moore was born in France to American parents, was raised in Morocco, and came with his mother to Southern California in his teens. "My parents loved to eat, loved good food," he says, and that set him on the road to cooking professionally. He learned first on the job and then went to cooking school in France. The first restaurant he owned was Café 11, still running in Hillcrest under different owners. He bought Thee Bungalow around 1987 and converted it from a "Continental" restaurant to a French menu, eventually handing over the day-to-day cooking to current chef Juan Flores, who also oversees the bistro menu at Third Corner. Few people realize that Moore also owns Nick's at the Beach in P.B. and recently bought Quiigs, which he's converting into an O.B. branch of Nick's. Now, with four restaurants to mind, two teenagers and a 20-year-old, he cooks only occasionally, even at home, leaving that task to his wife, Marla.

Seven or eight years ago, Moore started the annual Chef's Celebration event, which assembles groups of top local chefs to cook dinners at restaurants around town, with the proceeds going to fund professional training for young cooks. (The much-expanded event is currently run by Terra's Jeff Rossman.)

At Third Corner, he's suspended the Wine Club that he ran from Thee Bungalow. Instead, he displays a wall of "featured wines" that once would have been his wine club picks. "I have tasted every bottle here. For every bottle I

stock, I have rejected 10 to 12 wines. My philosophy is, 'If it sells for \$10, I want it to taste like a \$20 bottle. If it sells for \$40 and tastes like a \$20 bottle, I'm not gonna sell it and there's a lot of wine out there, especially in California, in that category. Proportionally, we don't sell that much California. We have a ton of products from South America, from Spain, from Italy. Some of our customers are status oriented and only want big-name bottles, but the preponderance are what I'd call the 'bottle a day' customer. They are looking for something that they can come home to after the day, have a glass before dinner, a glass during dinner, maybe another glass after that if they've had a hard day. They can come here and browse, we can maybe educate them a little, and they'll come back the next time to find a case at a price they want to pay. They come here, they eat, they try a couple of bottles of wine, and walk out with another dozen and they're happy. It's like eating at a winery. There's a certain charm about being seated among all these racks of wine." ■



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## The Ten Umbrellas

"Fusion, confusion! Are you Confucian?"

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m confused," I say.
"What about?" Carla asks.
"Fusion."

"Fusion confusion! Are you Confucian?" Wow. She's actually laughing. Which is kind of a miracle, 'cause once

Which is kind of a miracle, 'cause once again we've missed out on her dream lunch,

the \$8.95 buffet at the India Princess here at Fourth and University. This time, we arrived before her doctor's appointment. But dammit, it's 2:30, and still too late. Carla stared at me when I told her the time. I thought she was trying to decide which eye to gouge out.

Then I realized she was looking across Fourth to a corrugated iron fence painted black and yellow to look like bamboo. It sheltered a little oasis in the corner of a strip-mall parking lot, with three grass palapa umbrellas, and a sign over the shop behind the fence saying "Bambu."

Carla squints. " 'Asian Fusion Cuisine'? Okay. Let's try that."

Man, I owe this place, whatever it cooks. Lickety-split, I'm hobbling her over to the strip mall. Inside the restaurant, first thing I notice is ten pink umbrellas hung upsidedown, like giant lampshades. Must look spectacular at night. Next thing is the swirly art hanging on the walls, with real 3-D flowers sprouting from painted stalks. Not bad. About \$500 per, according to chef Alexandria, the owner, who hands us two yellow menus.

"Go sit down," she says. "I'll come out." We decide to plant ourselves outside, under one of the brown plastic-grass palapas. OK, we're in a parking lot, but what with real palm trees and some flaky-bark eucalyptus nearby — plus the painted corrugated-iron bamboo forest — it has a nice feel.

"Bedford," says Carla. "We've only got half an hour before the doctor."

Got it. I look over the starters, choices like edamame, "healthy steamed soybeans lightly salted [\$3.00]" and an "earth, wind, and sea" skewer of steak, chicken, and shrimp with choice of sauces like spicy peanut, chili lime, and sesame lime (\$6.00). There are also rice-

paper wraps of chicken, shrimp, or veggies for \$5.00 (\$6.00 for shrimp).

The big stuff's on the inside pages. Chinese chopstick salad, with shredded chicken, fried rice noodles, mandarin oranges, toasted almonds, and "salad greens tossed with Asian dressing," costs \$7.00. Or, ooh, mango salad, with cucumbers, zucchini, bean sprouts, and mango tossed in a pan-Asian dressing (\$7.50). Sea Salad looks good too: grilled salmon or shrimp with glass noodles and greens (\$8.50).

They have a *pho*, Vietnamese soup, and the two most famous Thai soups, *Tom Kai*, a chicken soup with coconut milk (\$7.00), or *Tom Yum*, a shrimp soup with lemon grass that I only like when it's screamingly spicy-hot (\$8.50).

"I know what I'm having," Carla says.

I scan through the specials, seared Salmon Teriyaki (\$8.50), Adobo delight, the Filipino grilled-chicken dish (\$7.00), noodle dishes

like *Pha Thai* or Drunken Noodles (both \$8.00, or \$9.00 with shrimp or salmon).

But when chef Alexandria comes out, I order the *pho*, the Vietnamese soup. I chose soup 'cause I reckon I can glop that down quick.

"I'll have the Indo-Chinese burrito with steak," Carla says coolly.

"What?" I say.

"Burritos, darling."

Dang. Hadn't seen the last page, "Asian Burritos," \$7.00 each. The Maui has seared chicken, pineapple, and jasmine rice. The Thai is a peanutty affair, with chicken and rice, and the Indo-Chinese comes with chicken or steak, rice noodles, carrots, green onions, and cucumber. It's wrapped with ginger-soy sauce into a cilantro tortilla and comes with little pots of chili-lime and sesame-lime sauces.

My chicken *pho*'s good, but I'd forgotten how bland Vietnamese stuff can be, compared to, say, fiery Thai. I splot lots of Kikkoman soy in, plus some thick, red-hot sauce and that helps. And, yes, I enjoy the fresh mint.

Then Carla shoves her plate my way. The second half of her angle-cut burrito sits there, steaming.

"Try it," she says. "So-o fresh. And these little sauces are to die for."

I chomp in. Pour some of that sesame and lime over the rice noodles and steak (there's plenty of tender chunks), and you get a briney, seductive flavor you wish could last forever.

Carla swears she tasted the cilantro in the tortilla.

So here's another miracle. Next day, Carla's yakking with our neighbor Linda, and Carla says, "Why don't we all go out to lunch?"

"Where?" Linda asks.

"Well, Ed and I discovered this little Asian fusion place with the greatest *burritos...*"

Result: we're back at Bambu. We eat inside this time. Carla's into her Indo-Chinese burrito again, Linda's eating Drunken Noodles with chicken (\$8.00 with chicken, steak, or tofu, \$9.00 with shrimp or salmon), and I'm trying the Sea Salad with wild salmon on glass noodles and salad greens (\$8.50). It's fine, but I regret not having the danged burrito. Fish is fish, and I ain't great on it, despite the best efforts of the Asian dressing.

Hot sauce to the rescue.

It turns out that chef Alexandria and her mom, Argentina, have traveled all over China, Vietnam, Thailand, Indonesia, India, looking at food on every trip. Alexandria — she's one of those Energizer Bunnies — shows us a picture of herself working in a Saigon *pho* restaurant, learning how to make the stuff. That's dedication.

"I'm still confused about fusion," I say as we get back out onto Fourth.

Carla shakes her head. "Fusion's my Indo-Chinese burrito," she says. "How confusing can that be?" ■

**The Place:** Bambu Bistro, 3882 Fourth Avenue (at Fourth and University), Hillcrest; 619-299-9727 **Type of Food:** Asian fusion

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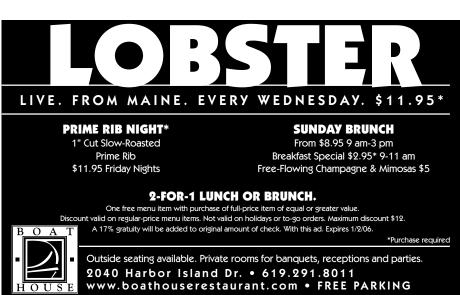
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# **Love Letter To a Wine**

"Champagne was said to prevent depression and typhoid."

ar is the mother of all and the father of all." I don't know who said it, but I've got a friend who is forever quoting it. He might get a kick out of the latest offering from authors Don and Petie Kladstrup:

Champagne: How the World's Most Glamorous Wine Triumphed Over War and Hard Times. The book opens with the authors picnicking amid the ramparts constructed by Attila the Hun in 451 A.D. ""What an incongruous setting for a picnic,' we thought. Then again, what better place to try to recon-

cile le champagne, the wine that is the symbol of friendship and celebration, with la Champagne, a region that has been drenched with more blood than perhaps any other place on earth."

The Kladstrups present an astonishing account of war after war, invasion after invasion, culminating in the nightmare of World War I, which saw trenches dug right through the vineyards and soldiers marching through underground cellars to the front lines. The story

of Champagne during the Great War provides the book its heart. "It was Champagne's darkest hour," write the Kladstrups. "Ironically, however, it was also the brightest, for at the very moment when all seemed lost, the people of

Champagne found the strength and will to hold on."

But the story is not contained by the wars — it bubbles over into a history of the region and its singular product. The book is the source of considerable delight, not least for its illustrations of history repeating itself. I had always been

amazed at the tremendous effect that one episode of 60 Minutes had on the wine industry. But that one episode, which aired in 1991, suggested that drinking wine — especially red wine — might actually be good for you. Wine sales exploded. I've heard it said that the show triggered a gradual but inexorable shift in the US wine market, one that led consumers away from white wine and toward red. Apparently, people took drinking "to your health" very seriously indeed.

I had thought it a quirk of our health-happy times — imagine needing to be told that a source of sublime gustatory pleasure (not to mention a gladdened heart) was good for you before indulging. If it was a quirk, it was not a new one. King Louis XIV loved champagne, and his doctor, Antoine d'Aquin, assured him that it was good for his health. But his doctor's rival, Guy-Crescent Fagon, preferred Burgundy. (This was in the days before champagne always had bubbles, so the comparison was a little less apples-to-oranges.) When Fagon managed to get himself appointed as the royal doctor, he decreed that only Burgundy would benefit the king's health. The Dean of the medical school in Beaune gave a rousing, if not terribly scientific, account of Burgundy's general superiority. Champagne rallied with an expert of its own. A fierce debate erupted — Louis was the biblious trendsetter of the day, and suddenly, Louis was off the champagne.

The book reports that the conflict eventually "collapsed under the weight of words," though the health claims of Fagon's side surely suffered a blow when the king died of gangrene. His royal doctor's advice: "Just bathe it regularly in Burgundy wine. It'll be all right."

Three centuries later, but still more than 50 years before that episode of 60 Minutes, the flag of healthfulness was waved again, this time to rally the troops against Prohibition. The book quotes André Simon, writing about how "champagne makers began seeking out 'missionaries who might persuade the young people of America that champagne was the fairway, as opposed to the out-of-bounds of hard liquor and soft drinks."



Le Déjeuner d'Huîtres by Jean-Francois de Troy

Champagne was said to "prevent depression, appendicitis, and infectious diseases such as typhoid." French boxers started beating their American opponents. A French doctor broke the 100-year mark and wrote a book about it. You can guess the reason he gave for his longevity.

Or consider the modern-day gripe that many wines today are overhyped, that marketing has eclipsed quality, making the consumer susceptible to \$75 letdowns. *Champagne* reminds us of Eugène Mercier, who "caused a stir at the 1889 Exposition when he arrived with a team of 24 white oxen hauling the world's largest wine barrel, a cask that took 16 years to build and contained the equivalent of two hundred thousand bottles of





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champagne." And this was in a day when you had no guarantee that your champagne was made entirely from grapes, which made the hype all the more ridiculous.

Champagne is a love letter to a region, a people, and the wine they created. But it's the best kind of love letter, one that keeps some measure of clear-eyed objectivity in the midst of its devotion. Even without the wars, there was plenty of conflict producer vs. vigneron, growers in the Marne département vs. growers in the Aube — and plenty of hardship when business dried up. The Russian Revolution of 1917 erased 10 percent of champagne's market. The communists "branded champagne 'a degenerate capitalist habit.'"

The wine provides a cheery lens through which to view the history of the nation — it was there at the ascent of the French Pope Urban II; it was served to Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette at their last meal, even as it was sipped by the tribunals that sentenced the aristocracy to death; it accompanied Napoleon on his campaigns; it served as a national emblem during the Belle Epoque; it fortified the soldiers in the trenches; and it was Eisenhower's first thought after receiving the Germans' surrender in Reims on May 7, 1945

The Kladstrups's story had to end somewhere. They chose to end it there, and perhaps with good reason. "Today,' they write in the epilogue, "champagne is a multibilliondollar industry, a far cry from what it was just a few years ago. While big doesn't necessarily mean bad, Pierre Lanson finds something a bit sad about it. 'Business is so different now,' he



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told us over lunch, noting that Lanson is no longer a family business. Like many other champagne houses, it had been taken over by corporate giants,' one of which "makes over 200 brands of champagne.'

Lanson then launched into a story about his father, who died at 98 while sipping champagne with his doctor. "Isn't that a wonderful story?" asked Lanson. It is. But it's hard not to feel a touch of backwardslooking melancholy upon reading it. Wine is a product, albeit one amenable to sentiment and myth. It's important to remember that, and it's important to stay close to sense — how does it taste? But the Kladstrups do a fine job of making the case for wine as something more: "By the end of the 19th Century, champagne was firmly fixed as part of the national character. 'It resembles us, it's made in our image,' said the writer Adolphe Brisson. 'It bubbles like our spirit, it is piquant like our language, it sparkles and chatters and is constantly in motion.'" ■

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### **NORTH COASTAL**

The Armenian Cafe 3126 Carlsbad Boulevard (at Pine), Carlsbad, 760-720-2233. At this large cottage with a year-round heated sundeck overlooking Highway 101, the menu offers Armenian specialties cooked with a Lebanese accent as well as generic Middle Eastern crowd pleasers, including gyros made from scratch. Lamb shish kebab is the house specialty, a "loss leader" featuring tender premium lamb

cubes with assertive seasonings, grilled over gas. Even better are distinctive dishes from the owner's family recipes: his mom's Lebanese kibbe (a large, glorified nut-filled lamb meatball) is outstanding, as is her *kashta lea* dessert an exotic nutmeg sponge cake fragrant with rosewater syrup, topped with pistachios and thickened cream. Dinner platters constitute a full meal, including a great "Armenian salad" and a tasty dip for the meat, along with lessthan-great egg-lemon soup, pilaf, and pita wedges. Wine list is dreary but corkage fee is reasonable. Three meals, Tuesday through Sunday. Live music and belly dancer weekend nights and Sunday brunch. Moderate to slightly expensive. — N.W. (8/03)

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cludes cooked seafood, sushi, and sashimi. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.* (7/00)

Juanita's Taco Shop Estilo **Tepatitlan** 290 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-943-9612; also in Vista at 248 Main, 760-758-4531. Enticing aromas of fresh tortillas and fragrant frijoles greet you as you enter this busy little taqueria, where the food's cooked in the style of Tepatitlan a small city near Guadalajara. Its local specialty is carnitas - which Juanita's does up (by the plate or by the pound) as tender, non-greasy shreds, served with fresh, cilantro-laden mild tomato salsita. Standard wraps are fine, too, and the beans taste as good as they smell. Try a "Flying Saucer" - it really takes off, with shredded meat, onions mild chiles, beans, sour cream, shredded orange cheese, and puréed guacamole riding high on an airy crisped flour tortilla. Quick and good, open daily, three meals until 2 a.m. Inexpensive. — N.W. (9/01)

Kealani's 137 West D Street, Encinitas, 760-94-ALOHA. Tucked between a 7-Eleven and a pizzeria, with an exterior sign that says "Saimin" (for Hawaii's version of Top Ramen), this island of the Islands prescribes "Living Da Aloha Spirit." A ukulele player sometimes serenades the noonday crowd at the sidewalk tables, and at any hour the food is "plate lunch" — two scoops of short-grain rice, mild housemade macaroni salad, and a choice of authentic "grines." Don't miss the outstanding kalua pig, zesty, smoky shreds of imu-style roast pork, resembling a moister version of Southern "pulled pork." The menu covers the whole panoply of island standards, from malasadas (Portuguese donuts) to musubi (Spam sushi), with a Saturday special of a luau's worth of "local food."

While you're waiting, check out the droll Hawaiian vocabulary lessons under the glass tops of the tables. Open Monday through Saturday, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

### Roxy Natural Foods Restaurant

517 North Coast Highway 101 (at D Street), Encinitas, 760-436-5001. You don't have to be a Self Realization Fellowship follower to fit in in Encinitas, but it helps. Roxy was made for the veggie crowd who've grown up around the famous seaside compound. These days, that includes surfers, vegans, and even visiting Hollywood stars picky about their food. Actually, it is no longer strictly a vegetarian eatery: the owners have added chicken and fish for Encinitas's "new people" — the carnivores buying up property in the hills. But the vegan-veggie spirit still rules. Most popular item on the menu is owner Shahram Naimi's own invention: the scrumptious Roxy falafelburger. Its green "meat" is made from garbanzo beans, potatoes, onions, cilantro, and herbs, all bedded down with tomatoes a thick mat of sprouts, and melted cheese, covered by a whole-wheat bun. For chicken-lovers, the garlic chicken pizzas sell big-time. Other healthy treats include the three-egg avocado omelet with toast, the artichoke sand-wich (with marinated artichoke hearts), and the squash enchilada dinner (steamed banana squash with corn, bell peppers, and low-fat cream cheese in a flower tortilla). Payoff? You come out feeling good and full, not bad and bloated. Open daily, brunch through dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

**St. Germain's Cafe** 1010 South Coast Highway 101 (at I Street), Encinitas, 760-753-5411. Despite the Parisian name, the food here is all-American. Omelets are the cafe's best-

## Calendar Restaurants

known dish — 14 variations of three-eggers (or Eggbeaters by request) served with toast or a muffin, plus tasty herb-strewn "café potatoes" or fresh fruit salad. But don't overlook the Belgian waffles, scrambles, pancakes, Louisiana sausages, or the three versions of expertly poached eggs Benedict with genuine hollandaise. Sandwiches run to hearty American classics (including some veg choices), and along with beef burgers, turkey burgers, and veggie burgers, there are no fewer than six twists on lean charbroiled chicken breast on a burger bun. The sheltered patio is always crowded, but there's a large interior dining room with a separate smoothies-and-ice-cream bar. Open daily, breakfast to late lunch. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

The Original 101 Diner 552 First Street, Encinitas, 760-753-2123. This is where the caviar crowd from Rancho Santa Fe comes to remember their roots. It's got all the deliberately down-home cooking you could want, including all-day breakfast ranging from really cheap biscuits and sausage gravy to a pretty cheap top sirloin steak and eggs. For lunch, the bacon-cheddar burger with fruit is a good surprise combo. The turkey-cranberry salad sandwich is also good, and try the spinach salad, with bacon, feta cheese, olives, mushrooms, and chopped egg. Even though this 101's vintage (1983) in no way compares with the Oceanside 101 Café's (1928), it has become a genuine part of Encinitas life — lines on the weekends will tell you that. Open breakfast and lunch; closed Tuesdays. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (12/04)

Vivace Four Seasons Resort Aviara, 7100 Four Seasons Point, Carlsbad, 760-603-3773. If you ever wished to eat like the Medicis did, here's the place for it. This lovely hotel-restaurant at a gorgeous resort showcases Italian haute cuisine which is simpler and more natural than the French equivalent. You'll find inventive combinations of first-class ingredients, skillfully executed and beautifully presented with none of the culinary clichés of the "mamma mia" joints. Reservations urged. Valet parking free for diners. "Casual-elegant" — no hats, shorts, or tennies — but room may be painfully noisy if patrons get too festive. Dinner seven nights. Four-course tasting dinner a relative bargain, but wine list may blow the budget. Moderate (pastas and risottos) to very expensive. — N.W. (8/03)

When In Rome 1108 South Coast Highway 101 (at Encinitas Boulevard), Encinitas, 760-944-1771. This elegant restaurant offers three dining areas and a menu with outstanding appetizers and pasta dishes. There are many unusual preparations. Gorgeous presentation; warm, friendly service. A winner. Dressy-casual crowd. Open for dinner nightly. Expensive. — *E.W.* 

## **NORTH INLAND**

Bamboo Hut Black Mountain Village, 9172 Mira Mesa Boulevard (one driveway west of Black Mountain Road), Mira Mesa, 858-348-0414. You'll find a taste of Hawaii in a strip mall in a neighborhood that's all-mall. The bright little "hut" has bamboo chairs, a bamboo ceiling, bare floors,

and unclothed tables, with a sushi counter next to a tiny kitchen with a roaring gas grill. A large lattice awning offers outdoor seating a few steps from the door. The quality of the food is all over the map, though — this is not the place to try your first Spam sushi. The seafood sushi is good, though, including a fine Rainbow Roll with really sweet crab; the more creative rolls run to cream cheese and hot sauce. "Local food" choices include a tasty ahi poké and excellent chicken katsu; the kalbi short ribs are tough, though. Plate lunches include one to three entrées (priced accordingly) with steamed or mildly garlic-flavored rice, macaroni salad, and green salad with bright orange dressing à la Kraft French. Be sure they deliver what you ordered; there may be slipups. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Very inexpensive. — N.W. (8/03)

Centre City Cafe 2680 S. Escondido Boulevard (frontage road along Centre City Parkway), Escondido, 760-489-6011. In the quiet little "motel row" just north of Lake Hodges, this cute, friendly café serves classic American diner food, including all-day breakfast. The chicken-fried steak is exemplary, with a crackly batter-crust and a smooth, peppery cream gravy. Several cuts of USDA Choice steaks are offered at rock-bottom prices, and early bird dinners and daily specials offer amazing bargains. You can eat inside, in a coffee-shop ambiance, or chow down on the dining terrace in front. Open daily, three meals. Huge portions, low prices. — N.W. (9/03)

Hacienda de Vega 2608 S. Escondido Boulevard (frontage road along Centre City Parkway), Escondido, 760-738-9805. This is a Mexican restaurant with a difference — or two. The setting is a gorgeous restored Old

California-style hacienda set on two acres, including a verdant courtyard (complete with fountain) for fairweather dining. The menu is also a leap upward from standard fare. Señora Vega offers authentic Mexican cuisine cooked in the sophisticated manner of Mexico City, her hometown — not border-food compromises. You'll find an array of fresh and interesting appetizers along with a wide choice of seri-ous entrées featuring complex, delicious sauces. Each dish is seasoned to the optimum spiciness for its overall flavor - this is not the land of the bland. The Sunday all-you-can-eat brunch offers a whole sampling of goodies brought to your table, with refills as desired. Three vegetarian entrées and a kiddie menu available; casual atmosphere. Full bar specializing in margaritas, of course. Open daily, lunch (or brunch) and dinner. N.W. (9/03)

Onami Japanese Restaurant 240 East Via Rancho Parkway, North County Fair, Escondido, 760-738-7522. This Japanese buffet offers everything from miso soup and sukiyaki to a host of salads, including several variations of sunomono (cucumber salad). Then there are teriyakis, sashimis, and a plethora of sushi rolls. Among the winners are the California roll with masago, tempura shrimp roll, guacamole roll, and Philadelphia roll. Skip the dry egg rolls and head for the corn crab cakes, teriyaki chicken, tempura shrimp, and veggies. Desserts offer fresh fruits, bitesize cake options, and go-back-for-seconds green tea ice cream. The food is fresh, the presentation artful, and the staff friendly and efficient. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Expensive. — S.M. (8/04)

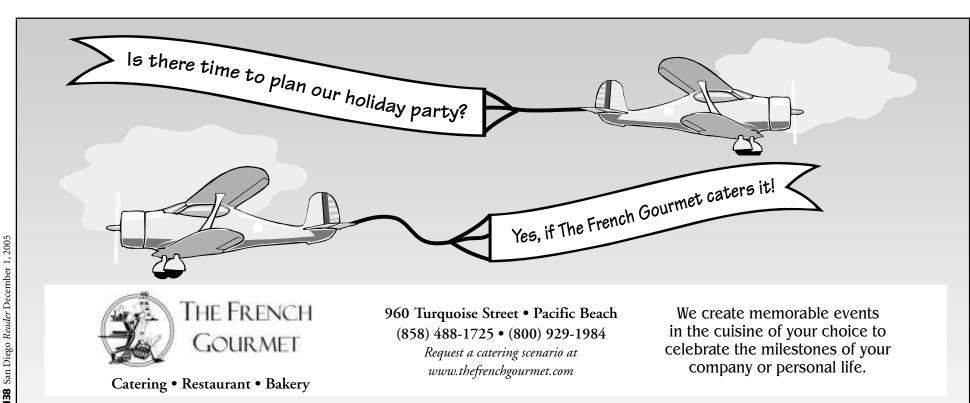
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condido, 760-740-5963. This European-style bakery specializes in hearty, handcrafted, slow-fermented breads made from natural ingredients including certified organic rye and whole wheat that are stone-ground at the bak-ery. Pick up their brochure for the schedule of when each of the 24 breads they bake will come out of the oven. Recipes are from France, Italy, Germany, and the U.S. These loaves have textures and depths of flavor you'll never find in supermarket-bakery breads. And for breakfast or a snack, there's nothing better than settling on the front porch with a cup of espresso and one of the moist and chewy scones. Open Monday through Saturday, morning to late afternoon. Inexpensive. — *N.W.* (9/03)

**The Place: El Parque** 2659 Reche Road, Fallbrook, 760-731-2775. Just think Little Red Riding Hood — this is Grandma's place. Okay, it's not a little old, thatched cottage — it's a creampainted metal shed with a gazebo in front. But it is in the Live Oak woods, and you can sink your teeth into some pretty fair Mexican food here, sitting alongside an interesting bunch of agricultural workers and maybe some ruby miners. Good combination plates in-clude the tostada and beef taco, and burrito and enchilada. The time to be here is Sunday morning, when those aggies pour in here for the *menudo*, cooked in a three-foot-high pot. Open

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### **GOLD COAST**

Milton's Deli Flower Hill Mall, 2660 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-792-2225. This sprawling, family-friendly eatery started out as a non-Kosher Jewish deli, but has come to embrace diner food, pub grub, and Italian and Mexican favorites, along with a full cast of Ashkenazi noshes. Sit down and stuff yourself with stuffed cabbage, overstuffed deli sandwiches, crisp-skinned fat cheese blintzes, *matzoh brei*, hot brisket with latkes - or chicken-fried steak, if that's your bag. Or take out from the at-tached deli and bakery. The yummy chopped liver will remind you of the Bronx, the smoked whitefish and silky Nova will take you home to Flatbush but the soft, cottony bagels - oy!, so goy! Seven days, three meals. Inexpen sive to low moderate. — N.W. (4/05)

**Nobu Japanese Restaurant** 315 South Coast Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-755-7787. The menu at this gourmet Japanese restaurant offers 100 sushi items, 20 stunning and unique appetizers, and a long list of entrées. Two dining rooms are avail-able; the livelier is at the sushi bar. Especially on the weekends, arrive early to avoid waiting for a table. Reservations advised for dining room, not accepted for sushi bar. Open daily for lunch and dinner, Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

Pamplemousse Grille 514 Via de la Valle, Solana Beach, 858-792-9090. The locals' favorite French provincial restaurant offers exquisite, creative cooking. Favorites from an oftenchanging menu include fresh crab salad with avocado and tomato coulis, white fish served any style, mushroom cappucini soup, and tarte Tatin. Serene atmosphere with excellent service. Dinner reservations urged. Dinner nightly, lunch Wednesday through Friday. Dinners expensive. — *E.W.* 

Pizza Port 135 North Highway 101 (at Lomas Santa Fe), Solana Beach, 858-481-7332. (Also in Carlsbad.) "Tasty Grub & Grog," says the sign, and that's just what it is. You come here for three things: the pizzas, the beer, and the scene. The place is cavernous, but the tables are communal, with long wooden benches. Rub shoulders with surfers, students, yuppies, and locals. Pizza Port brews their own beer (try

Sharkbite Red) and flings their own pizzas, New York style. Filling combos can be great, like the pesto, mesquite-grilled chicken, sun-dried tomatoes, artichoke hearts, and feta ("Pizza Carls-bad"), or shrimp, clams, onions, olives, bell peppers, and mushrooms ("Pizza Solana"). Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (4/03)

Poseidon 1670 Coast Boulevard (south of 18th Street), Del Mar, 858-755-9345. The two dining rooms and bar here boast airy, stylish decor and ocean views, and the SRO umbrella-shaded patio is right at water's edge. Lunches run to sandwiches, burgers, and fried seafood of ordinary competence and uneven preparation: won-derfully coconutty fried shrimp, for example, share a sampler plate with deadly-dry salmon croquettes. Dinner dishes are modern Cal cuisine - that is, a mix-and-match of Pacific Rim-Mediterranean-Mexican flavors, with some emphasis on seafood. But the view's the thing here. Full bar. Open daily, lunch and dinner; breakfast on weekends. Moderate to expensive. — N.W. (4/05)

## LA JOLLA

**Azul La Jolla** 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-9616. The unobstructed ocean view and opulent interior are glamorous. Cuisine is Mediterranean with California influence. Menus change daily. When available, try pan-seared scallops and the outstanding asparagus soup, not duplicated anywhere. Fresh fish and seafood Moderate to expensive. — E.W. (7/99)

Come On In! 1030-B Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-551-1063. Clunky name, but suave Euro-bistro feel with outside tables under trees. This is your escape to "Paree" anytime you can afford La Jolla. Actually, they keep the price of breakfasts — like two "plain and simple" steamed eggs with fresh fruit and toast, or the "Popeye" omelet, with spinach, Parmesan cheese, prosciutto ham, and diced tomato, fruit, and toast — down to a small roar. Course everybody in this neck of the woods is trying *not* to eat, so expect lots of fruit plates and healthy lunch sandwiches like roasted eggplant with zucchini, bell peppers, tomatoes, and mozzarella. Inexpensive to moderate; dinners a little more expensive. — *E.B.* (4/03)

Donovan's Steak and Chop House 4340 La Jolla Village Drive Golden Triangle, 858-450-6666. At this excellent traditional steakhouse, the menu includes a variety of appetizers, among them a cocktail of giant shrimp with a spicy, tomatoey sauce and a large, lightly sautéed crab cake with house-made tartar sauce. The wet-aged prime beefsteaks are seasoned with sea salt and pepper and cooked on a gas grill precisely to your order. Bleu

cheese, béarnaise and peppercorn sauces are available at extra charge. Non-beef entrées include fish, seafood. veal chop, pork chop, or a delicate Australian rack of lamb. Unlike many steakhouses where your money buys only the meat, entrées are served with vegetables and potato. Additional à la carte sides include creamed spinach and sautéed mushrooms. Among the house-made desserts the highlights are a light, creamy cheesecake with fresh strawberry sauce and a traditional creme brûlée. The service is attentive, friendly, and knowledgeable, in a mas-culine setting with dark wood-paneling, dim lighting, and only a moderate noise level. Cigar room off the bar. Open Mondays through Saturdays. Very expensive. — *N.W.* (9/02)

Great Khan's Mongolian Festival 4545 La Jolla Village Drive (University Towne Center), 858-678-0950. This is a chain that stretches almost as far as the Mongolian Empire, but that's because the idea is good. One meal, plenty of it, and guaranteed fresh because it's either frozen (curled shavings of beef, chicken, turkey, pork) or raw (veggies including cabbage, celery, broccoli, cucumber, green peppers, carrots, mushrooms, pineapple, water chestnuts). Stuff as much as you can into your bowl and hand it to the chef to braze on the huge hotplate, and add noodles. Bonus: gallery view of skaters or an ice hockey match while you eat.

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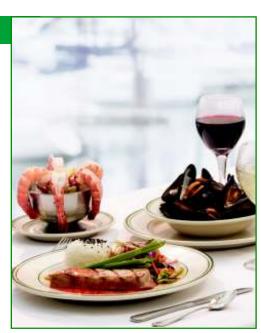
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Sante Ristorante 7811 Herschel Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-1315. The name is Italian for "saint," and the Northern Italian/regional cooking shines here, especially the fish and seafood dishes. Fresh seafood specials are available every night, in addition to those on the menu. Excellent chopped salad, pasta with mushrooms, ravioli with quail, and lamb chops. Separate room for bar; separate private dining room. Lunch weekdays; dinner nightly Enclosed patio for lunch. Not to be missed. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — E.W. (4/99)

**Tapenade** 7612 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-551-7500. This is not only one of the finest restaurants in the county but in the country. Featuring sunny Provencal flavors, famed chef-owner Jean-Michel Diot offers superb seasonal ingredients treated with the consummate ease of a master chef. Among the special joys here are a sophisticated foie gras torchon, luscious free-range veal, and top-quality seafood, with gar nishes that display an impressive balance of venturesome creativity and rigorous technique. Desserts are worth the calories, matching the style and flair of the earlier courses. And you don't even have to dress to the nines for your firstclass dinner — the sixes will do in the easy bistro atmosphere. Serving lunch (including a moderate two-course prix fixe) and dinner daily, including bargain-priced three-course prix fixe "sunset dinners" weeknights. Otherwise, expensive to very expensive, and worth it - N W (9/03)

## MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

**Boo Cho Korean Barbecue** 7905 Engineer Road (a block east of Convoy), Kearny Mesa, 858-573-2585. What sets Boo Cho apart from other Korean barbecues is that wood charcoal rather than gas fuels the tabletop grills - proving easier to control as well as lending more flavor. The galbi (short ribs) here are outstanding, with tender meat and a subtly sweet marinade, and the *hae mui pa jun* (mixed seafood pancake) is moist and light. As at all Korean restaurants, with any dinner you'll receive numerous small plates of relishes and vegetables (called pan chan), lending a multitude of flavors to the meal. But since Korean dinners are traditionally served all at once if you want a first-course soup or appetizer, order it separately, and when it arrives, order your main course. (Table room can get skimpy once the grill gets going.) The menu includes three "family combination dinners" but they're written in Korean; if interested, ask the owner or manager to translate for you. Open Monday through Friday for lunch; daily for dinner. Moderate. -

China Max 4698 Convoy Street (at Engineer), Kearny Mesa, 858-650-3333. The decor is plain and bright, the sound-level loud, but this is a major resource for authentic Hong Kong cooking — creative and multi-regional, filtered through the refined wizardry of the genuine Cantonese

style. The seafood aswim in the live tanks includes such delicacies as black cod (bony but wonderfully sweet), Dungeness crab, and (if you've got the money) abalone — but even inexpensive, homey dishes (e.g., wonton soup, crabmeat cakes) sing with flavor. The exemplary crispy squab and Peking duck must be ordered at least a day in advance, but you'd better call ahead anyway for reservations to avoid a wait at the door. A Pan-Asian community throngs here, for good reason. Lunch weekdays, dinner seven days, with lunch menu returning nightly from 9 p.m. to midnight. Inexpensive to exorbitant, but mainly moderate. -

IKEA Restaurant & Cafe 2149 Fenton Parkway, Mission Valley, 619-283-6166, ext.1200. Central shrine for San Diego's 10,000 Swedes, so they say. They come to taste open-faced ndwiches, salmon, shrimp, and meatballs again. This restaurant inside Sweden's wildly successful "home interiors" chain is a great intro to Swedish tastes. The food's more sensible than exciting, of course. But healthy — beef and pork for the meatballs are guaranteed hormone-free. You eat the meatballs with Swedish lingonberry (not cranberry) sauce. Fish is big: the shrimp open-faced sandwich, the salmon plate with potatoes and broccoli, and the Gravad Lox Plate (cured salmon), are always on. And if you want to be disgustingly healthy, chew on their fresh vegetable plate (raw carrot sticks, regulation pract (taw carlot stites, cauliflower, garbanzo beans, and mushrooms). All for a song. The only health hazard: hordes of babies and kids romping in the restaurant's mother-friendly play area. Inexpensive.

Seoul B.B.Q. 4344 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-505-8700. This Ko-

rean restaurant means sitting before a sizzling cast-iron grill, sipping hot sake, the smell of grilled beef, grilled onions, and fresh garlic in the air. Try the "Korean B.B.Q." marinated short ribs (tong galbi) or thick marbled slices of sirloin (beef gui). You'll enjoy all the accompanying dishes that make the meal, like crunchy seaweed salads, radishes in garlicky tomato sauce, slow-cooked potatoes with soy sauce and jalapeño pepper. Feeling adventurous? Go for the goat meat hot pot or Korean steak tartare (yukhwoe). This is sensual, elemental, hairy-chested food. -M.N. (12/99)

Tropical Star 6163 Balboa Avenue. Clairemont, 858-874-7827. A modest café and grocery offers Puerto Rican and Latin American food and groceries. Very modest surroundings; good authentic inexpensive food. Same menu all day Monday through Saturday; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. E.W. (8/99)

### THE BEACHES

The Australian Pub 1014 Grand A great place to take your kids after a morning at the beach. This relaxing pub, owned by a true-blue Aussie, offers heaps of good Aussie food. Try the Road Kill (grilled chicken breast with pico de gallo sauce and cheese "run over" between 2 pieces of sourdough) or the Aussie Burger (1/2-pound patty, with a fried egg, cheese, bacon, grilled onions, beets, pineapple, and a side of steak fries). And for an "outback experience," order up Vegemite (a beefy kinda paste) and four slices of bread it's the Aussie national food, mate.

Open Monday through Thursday. Lunch and dinner 3 p.m. to midnight; weekends breakfast through dinner until 1 a.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/01)

Broken Yolk Cafe 1851 Garnet Ave nue, Pacific Beach, 858-270-YOLK (9655). Breakfasting PBers love this place for three reasons: its sundeck, its 26 different four-egg omelets (which you can split with your partner, no extra charge), and the challenge of omelet #27. The dozen-egg "Broken Yolk Café Special" comes stuffed with a mountain of mushrooms, onion, cheese chili, plus home fries and biscuits. If you can down it in an hour, pay just \$1.98 — you've got huevos. If you can't, the yolk's on you — pay around \$17. My advice: split a 4-egger. Open 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. -E.B. (2/04)

**The Fishery** 5040 Cass Street, Pacific Beach, 858-272-9985. Pacific Shellfish Seafood Company founder Judd Brown got his start as a commercial fisherman. He doesn't fish anymore, but he does everything else — supplying product to top-tier restaurants, retailing glistening specimens to hungry shoppers, and serving patrons who want to dine in amid the icy-blue walls and gorgeous trophy fish. The Fishery's menu is equally extensive, covering So-Cal basics (excellent mahi-mahi bur-rito), lunchtime standards (sandwiches, fine malt-dredged fish and chips), sushi, and an ambitious lineup of dinnertime entrées, some of then whimsically creative (tortilla-encrusted Mexican Black Bass), If ambition oc casionally outstrips execution, an obsession with freshness helps compensate, and you get the sense that things are getting better all the time. The wine list is relatively inexpensive and carefully selected. Casual atmosphere.

Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. A.M. (12/03)

The French Gourmet 960 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach, 858-488-1725. In the mood for pâté, ratatouille, or calf's liver in a homey atmosphere? Make a reservation at The French Gourmet's toute suite. Start off with traditionally prepared escargots or mussels. The onion soup is good, but hope that the soup du jour is gingered cream of carrot. Entrées include rack of lamb, veal tenderloin, bouillabaisse, and fish, with several preparation choices for chicken or filet mignon. The pan-roasted halibut is gently enhanced with a champagne beurre blanc sauce and topped with crispy braised leeks. Desserts abound, with an imported French cheese plate topping the list — along with pastries, meringues, etc., all freshly prepared in house. Open for dinner Tuesday through Saturday; bakery open daily. Moderate to expensive. — S.M. (9/04)

Gringo's 4474 Mission Boulevard (at Garnet Avenue), Pacific Beach, 858-490-2877. With better cooking than you'd guess from its name, this ambitious spin-off of the local Moondoggies chain serves the sort of Mexican cuisine you might find at a seaside resort in Cabo or Puerto Vallarta skillfully prepared with good, fresh ingredients, just a bit dumbed-down in the flavors. The chile verde, say, is beautifully seasoned if barely picante, and the luscious camarones borrachos are big white shrimp cooked just till done and not a moment more. Given the surefire location at the hub of PB partytown, the food is actually better than it needs to be. A vast list of tequilas, interesting margaritas, and a sensible wine list emphasizing affordable, food-





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Hancock St. Cafe 3354 Hancock Street, Loma Portal, 619-296-2060. If you spot Marilyn, Elvis, and Lady Liberty waving at you from the sidewalk, you're here. They are life-size fiberglass lookalikes, but Mario is real, and his restaurant is a living shrine to jazz pi-anist Herbie Hancock. Mario has pianos, guitars, and drums inside - even a little stage where you're often welcome to perform. The food? Italian home cooking. Mario is from New York and knows his pasta. You can usually expect a good-value special, like spaghetti and meatballs. Sometimes he'll even throw in a bottle of red wine. Here among the little factories and auto shops of Loma Portal may be San Diego's most popping cultural phenomenon. Worth investigating, even if you just want to eat. Open Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive. -E.B. (12/04)

**Lamont Street Grill** 4445 Lamont Street (between Grand and Garnet), Pacific Beach, 858-270-3060, PB's most romantic restaurant serves California comfort food, punctuated by bold and sometimes strange Mexi/Asian/Cajun flavors, in a rambling converted residence with several rooms and levels. Dinners come with soup or salad, and many entrées are served over marvelous house-made fresh pasta. Salmon over fettuccine in a delicate dill cream sauce is especially fine. The huge array of desserts is house made, too, with something for every palate. The most desirable tables (available first come, first served) are on a lovely fireplace heated patio. Wheelchair ramp and parking in small lot behind restaurant

(call ahead and they'll save you a spot). Homey atmosphere; can get loud. Affordable wine list, full bar. Open daily dinner only. Moderate. — N.W. (2/03)

Saska's 3768 Mission Boulevard. Mission Beach, 858-488-7311. Venerable, local steak-and-seafood joint that tries harder, from the broth-thin homemade teriyaki sauce (sweet up front, fading to bitter ginger) for the well-cooked (if mild-flavored) fish to the cut-on-the-premises aged beef. The interior's low wood-slat ceilings, driftwood beams, dim light, and red-leather booths combine with the stay-up-late kitchen to make the space feel like a cozy haven, a respite from the brighter buzz of Mission Beach. The wine list runs the gamut from Cook's sparkling wine to Cristal champagne, stopping along the way at an interesting (if expensive) collection of reserves. Next door is the restaurant's serviceable sushi bar (858-488-7255) and twostory patio dining. Open seven days; lunch weekdays, brunch and lunch weekends; dinner until 1 a.m. weeknights, 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Sushi bar open nightly, 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Moderate. — A.M. (8/02)

Umi Sushi 2806 Shelter Island Drive (at Shafter, off Scott), Point Loma, 619-226-1135. An instant neighborhood success, this large, cheerful sushi bar and dinner house also offers Japanese and Korean entrées, including teppanyaki (cooked in the kitchen, not at the table), Korean ribs, and excellent beef teriyaki of gently grilled prime beef. Sushi highlights include lemony ama ebi, rich garlic tuna, and a "Crazy Boy" roll spicy enough to divert your palate from the presence of imitation crabmeat. Free parking lot (often full). Special kids' menu available. Lunch and dinner daily. Sushi prices lower

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Big Kitchen 3003 Grape Street (between 30th Street and Fern Street), South Park, 619-234-5789. This isn't just a restaurant, it's the social center of the universe — and Judy "The Beauty" Forman is its queen. Blame her for the Fern Street Circus, for driving the Miss California beauty pageant out of town and for disgustingly healthy dishes like Judy's Favorite (spinach, mushrooms, sherry, and eggs). Our favorite: the avocado, cream cheese, and chives omelet. Vegans' fave may be the "veggie option": sautéed spinach, mushrooms, onions, cilantro, brown rice, tofu, and roasted garlic. Her cooks make pretty much everything on the spot, including muffins, waffles, and pancakes. While you're waiting, they always have this "out there" eclectic crowd, plus walls filled with pictures and bon mots like "Will Be President For Food," Breakfast and lunch only: closes at 2 p.m. most days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/02)

Chicken Pie Shop of San Diego 2633 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park 619-295-0156. How much do people love this place? Count the chickens lining the walls - ceramic, wood, beaded, painted, even feathered. Hundreds. They're gifts from generations of customers. Now, as in the 1930s when it started up, the basic chicken pie comes filled with big chunks of chicken meat, doused with white gravy and accompanied by mashed potatoes, veggies coleslaw, a roll, *and* dessert — like the delicious pineapple pie — all for one really low price. The menu also offers fried chicken, burgers and steaks, but 90 percent of customers still order that same old chicken pie. Seven days. Cash only. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/01)

Kensington Grill 4055 Adams Avenue, Kensington, 619-281-4014. This spiffy spot in an old, staid neighborhood proves change can be good, delivering intelligent, inventive cuisine. Preparations follow the convention of contrasts in sophisticated cuisine — sweet vs. salty, soft vs. crunchy, hot vs. cold. From the complexity of grilled salmon over pea greens, baby lettuces, sticky rice, and jicama slaw, to the tradition of lamb loin, Kensington Grill proves a talented, hardworking kitchen. Open for dinner nightly. Moderate. —

Red Sea Restaurant 4717 University Avenue (at Euclid), City Heights, 619-285-9722. You'll find richly seasoned (and potentially very spicy) Ethiopian cuisine, served communally on a tray lined with a porous pancake. injera, which looks like an edible dish towel and serves as both an edible spoon and an edible tablecloth. (Use pieces of it to scoop up morsels in your right hand.) The meat combination platter here isn't nearly as exciting as several of the specialties. The kitfo (spicy beef tartare) is very good, the gored-gored (meat cubes in spicy butter) is excellent; both are cooked (or not cooked) to your order, and seasoned to your specifications (if you say "hot," expect fire). Vegetables are fine, too; the yellow split peas, especially, sing with flavor. Rest rooms not wheelchair-accessible. Vegetarian friendly. Can be noisy on weekend evenings. Open daily. Very inexpensive. — N.W. (12/00)

## EAST COUNTY & COLLEGE AREA

Geno's West Coast Style Barbecue 291 West Main Street, El Cajon, 619-444-3667. Geno's a real guy, a
refugee from corporate America who
turned this ex-Taco Bell joint into a
surfing-themed BBQ place. He's a
surfer but he's serious. He has won lots
of prizes for his BBQ sauce, using a chili
pepper he says nobody else has. There
are three strengths: "Round-up"
(mild), "Giddy-up" (spicy), or "Stampede" (hot). Try #5, pulled pork and
slaw, or #9, shredded beef, melted jack,
and sautéed onions. Sides like dirty rice
and cornbread are good, but if you're
light of pocket go for the "Ripcurl" hot
dog, the best deal on the menu. Open
for lunch and early dinner six days,
closed Sunday. Inexpensive. —
E.B. (1/04)

Sham Rocks Shack Bar & Grill 7059 El Cajon Boulevard (at 70th Street), La Mesa, 619-463-2263. It has the feel of a pub: nice solid-wood furniture, pool tables, dart boards, big open kitchen in back. Most of all, people know each other. As for the food — yes, there's a little bit of Ireland, like the corned beef sandwiches, but mostly it's all-American pre-health-craze cholesterol city. Denver egg omelets with home fries, Philly cheese steaks, spaghetti and garlic bread, hamburgers, jalepeño poppers, steak and eggs, and of course fish and chips. Presentation's old-fashioned, too: heavy white dinner china plates and sturdy cutlery,

as long as you agree to "please don't steal the forks." But Irish? Well, think James Joyce on a surfboard. Food from noon to 8 p.m., Sunday special brunch from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Kitchen is closed on Mondays; the bar is open. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (5/02)

Toshi Sushi 5943 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-287-3536. Don't ask what's in the "dynamite" sauce (besides the obvious mavo and smelt roe) — it's a house secret, one the restaurant dangles before you in numerous contexts. Try it baked onto the rich, everything-goes Garbage Roll, where deep-fried shrimp, freshwater eel, and tuna add flavor to the creamvcrunchy interplay of sauce and vegetables. Rolls, both plain and elaborate, abound here. While some can be heavy on the rice and light on the fish, others are triumphs. The Toshi Tempura Spe cial Roll takes battered whitefish and wraps it around the seaweed casing, which is then filled with just-cooked whitefish and a host of garnishes — an exotic-yet-homey fried-fish alternative. The Johnny Roll shows octopus at its most tender, but watch out for spotlight-hogging sweet cream cheese. The simpler sushi can vary - a brilliant, translucent slice of tuna offset by a blander, duller salmon. Japanese entrées are also available. Inexpensive to moderate. — A.M. (4/02)

Village Garden Restaurant and Bakery 8384 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa, 619-462-9100. The Garden is part of what makes La Mesa Village great. Its vine-covered garden patio is wonderful on warm evenings. The decor inside is kind of grandma-ish, lots of green and white, with flowershaped lamps sprouting out of over-head fans and brass rails with momsy curtains between the booths. It's bright and cheery. And so are the prices. This is traditional fare: creamed chipped beef on toast, sandwiches, a dozen different omelets, salads, and eight "signature" "big game" burgers. Maybe the best thing is their bread. Big, tender, and baked right there. Two must-haves: the Country Boy Sampler (a mix of Virginia baked ham, chicken, and dumplings), and a take-home loaf of their apple-nut bread. One sniff and you're gone. Evenings, catch the early bird special. Great deal on the three course meal plus drink. Open breakfast through early dinner Thursday through Sunday, breakfast and lunch Monday to Wednesday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

### FAR EAST

Bernard's The Mall (way in back). 503 Palm Canyon Drive, Borrego Springs, 760-767-5666. Owner Bernard Hess must be from Alsace, on the French-German border — who else would offer both frog's legs in garlic sauce and a tasty, credible choucroute garni (sauerkraut and smoked meat casserole, including house-smoked pork chops)? At this local favorite, the space divided between a convivial bar and a dining room with lunch-counter and booth seating, the menu includes German, French, and truck-stop U.S. classics - schnitzel side by side with chicken-fried steak. The waitresses know most patrons by name, and the patrons walk in already knowing what they're going to order - mainly the Alsatian specialties. Wine list runs to third-rate Californian, but there's an affordable Trimbach Riesling (and beer works with this food, too). Open daily brunch to dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (4/03)

(Alpine Creek Shopping Center), Alpine, 619-445-9902. The vibe in this tasteful little trattoria (with adjoining bar) is young, and so is the chef, still slipping new dishes into a menu stuffed with local favorites. The theme is Tuscan-American, shrimp *involtini* alongside applewood-smoked pork salad (the latter, especially, is a smoky, nutty, tangy hit). The pizzas are outstanding — such a lovely, airy, silken crust! Such wafer-thin rounds of pepperoni! Entrées change with the seasons. Desserts are big and sweet. When the weather's fine, dine on the patio and watch the sun drape light over the piney hills. Daily, lunch and dinner, plus Sunday brunch. Expensive. — A.M. (12/03)

Mediterraneo 1347 Tavern Road

Paipa's Oasis Sycuan Casino, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa, 619-445-6002. Forget gambling — gambol through the slots till you pass under two hu elephant tusks. The "Joe and the Volcano"-style place with a fountain tower gurgling in the center is Paipa's. Pay the woman. Now decide: a lot of a little, or a little of a lot. The huge salad bar is surrounded by a groaning U-shaped table laden with everything from peel 'n' eat shrimp to baked cod to Certified Black Angus prime rib. Keep coming back. Save them from throwing away this stuff. End with, say, strawberry cheesecake and coffee. Unlike the other suckers, you've gotten a return on your money. Moderate. — E.B. (10/01)

## UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

**Blue Water Seafood Market** and Grill 3667 India Street (at middletown, Chalmers), 619-497-0914. This bright, clean charmer a half-block south of El Indio (look for dentist's sign) has a double identity: First, it's a retail fish market; aside from Whole Foods, this is the only restaurant-quality fresh raw seafood south of I-8 and west of City Heights. If you love oysters, don't miss the big, buttery bivalves here. Second. it serves simple, terrific seafood to eat in or out. Plates are plastic, but don't look for greasy fried stuff. Entrées are grilled gently until perfectly done, topped with your pick of flavors (the lemon-garlic butter is especially tasty) and come with rice and a huge salad with your choice of terrific house-made dressings. If indecisive, ask what's best that day. The overstuffed grilled fish tacos are messy and perfect, with just the right proportions of ingredients. Reachable only by driving north on India. Metered street parking by day; can use dentist's lot if not chained off at night and on weekends. Good choice of beers, a few affordable wines, no corkage for BYOW. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. - N.W. (4/05)

**Bombay Exotic Cuisine Of In-dia** 3975 Fifth Avenue (between University and Washington), Hillcrest, 619-298-3155. We're talking northern India here, right? That means lots of lamb, potatoes, creamy sauces, tandoor-baked breads, chicken, and less of the south's mouth-scalding heat. At least in its daily buffet, Bombay's a lot less spicy, (though their sag paneer — creamy, cheesy spinach — delivered a surprising punch). The buffet includes tandoori chicken, assorted pakoras (lentil-batter fritters), mock duck chicken tikka, and, if you hit the right day, an addictive mango soup. If you want meat or spicy food, best to order from the menu — say, a creamy *tikka masala* with lamb, or long kebabs of minced lamb (kebab curry), or the rich Bombay Coconut Malai. Tell them whether you want it mild, spicy or, for leather-mouths, tikhi. For a cheap, light meal, try a couple of lamb samosas. And be sure they bring the chutneys, India's real unexplored treasure. Lunch and dinner; buffet at lunch and Monday evenings only. Sister restaurant, Monsoon, 729 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-234-5555. Moderate. E.B. (4/03)

**El Agave** 2304 San Diego Avenue (at Old Town Avenue), Old Town, 619-220-0692. Reservations recommended. Wheelchair access difficult (steep ramp). You'll find upscale, unusual Mexican specialties in an intimate Spanish-style dining room or on a small heated balcony. The menu celebrates three great pre-Hispanic cuisines — Aztec, Mayan, Nahuatl with discreet admixtures of France, Spain, and Italy. (It's the history of Mexico on a plate.) Among the highlights are the five different Oaxacan moles (plus a sixth from Chiapas), lo-cal sea bass in tangy jamaica (hibiscus) sauce, and a unique appetizer, *tlacogos cuitlacoche*, ovals of blue corn masa topped with a sort of "mushroom" that grows on corn ears. (In English it's called "corn smut," but it tastes much nicer than that sounds.) The bar stocks over 600 tequilas and makes a foodfriendly on-the-rocks margarita with fresh fruit juices. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W.* (2/01)

El Indio Mexican Restaurant 3695 India Street, midtown, 619-299-0333. El Indio, "the god of Mexican food," presides over this bustling (expect a line), airy restaurant in an atmosphere of pale blue 1940s solidity. The menu includes the usual suspects (burritos, tacos, etc.), plus slightly less common items (chicken mole, machaca, chile rellenos). Excellent house-made corn tortillas help the estandard fare to better approximate the divine. So do the sublime core flavors of the meats — the chicken in the taco, the pork in the carnitas verdes, the beef in the enchiladas. The carne asada sports a pleasant char, and the beans have a raw-beany intensity. Less heavenly: seasonings (especially paprika and salt) tend toward the heavy side. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. — A.M. (11/01)

El Zarape 4642 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-692-1652. This stylish little Mexican restaurant on a tony stretch of Park Boulevard is proof that not all taco shop food is equal. Try a shredded beef or chicken taco or tostada and you'll know what we mean, with their generous mounds of juicy, slow-cooked meat. Many enjoy their unusual scallop burritos, vegetarian potato-filled burritos and rolled tacos, and well-prepared soups. We go for the stewed meat. El Zarape is dependable, serving Mexican with solid, homemade, handmade flavor. Three meals daily. Inexpensive. — M.N. (1/00)

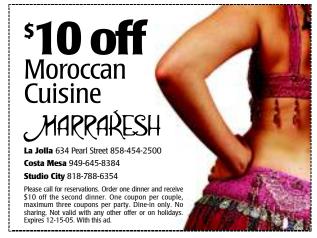
**The Gathering** 902 W. Washington Street (at Goldfinch), Mission Hills, 619-260-0400. Be prepared for surprises: the owner-bartender is a pro-













fessional magician who occasionally enjoys entertaining his diners and hosts shows with aspiring amateurs during Happy Hours Thursday through Sunday. This neighborhood favorite is comfortable with a *Cheers* atmosphere at the bar. Live jazz on Friday nights. Open daily, three meals, including Sunday brunch. Inexpensive. E.B. (11/00)

The Grill 420-E Robinson Avenue Hillcrest (near Fouth, opposite Crest Café), 619-683-7725. You get no clue from the name that this tiny place is Armenian and comes with a live mesquite fire to cook everything from corn on the cob to afi (ground beef with onions, tomato, parsley, and garlic). Shrimp, mahi, salmon, filet mignon and chicken are served up on beds of rice, in wraps, or on salads, along with "Mediterranean" standards like hummus, baba ghanoush, and tabbouleh Don't leave without trying the delicious corn, cooked directly on the embers. Lunch and dinner seven days; closes at 7 p.m. Sundays. Inexpensive. -E.B. (2/04)

Parallel 33 741 W. Washington Street (at Hawk), Mission Hills, 619-260-0033. Southern China, Pakistan, Algeria, Morocco, et cetera — are all on the 33rd parallel. This ethnoblend restaurant in Mission Hills is a hit for shrewd, thoughtful creativity. It's not just "fusion food." Try the suberb mango and ahi appetizer. Entrées like grilled salmon atop lobster tabbouleh or sea bass sauced with sake lees show that chef Amiko Gubbins, of Café Japengo fame, knows what she's doing. Dinner Monday through Saturday. Moderate M.N. (10/99) expensive.

Shakespeare Pub & Grille 3701 India Street (at Washington), South Mission Hills, 619-299-0230. Probably the most convincing English pub in town. The Bard's brew-house boasts bare-board floors, diamond lead-glass windows, and authentic Brits sitting around the bar quaffing ale from their own pewter mugs. Pub grub is bluff and plain-spoken. Shepherd's pie, bangers and mash, ploughman's plate (the pickled onions and cheese, Scotch and Branston pickle make it the real thing) — all are great with a pint of rich English beer, say a Boddington's Pub Ale. Sunday's roast beef dinner is worth dragging yourself out of bed for, too. The pub includes a shop that sells British goods. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (9/01)

Trattoria Positano 142 University Avenue (at Third Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-294-6995. This younger sister to

its namesake restaurant in Cardiff-by the Sea is sure to be one of your favorite restaurants, not only for hearty but refined Italian food, but also for the warm atmosphere. Try sea bass, salmon, or any of the pasta dishes. A treat. Lunch and dinner daily. Upper moderate. — *E.W.* (5/99)

## DOWNTOWN

Bay Cafe 1050 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-595-1083. If you're hungry at the city ferry landing, you can eat in the bare-bones interior or take your tray upstairs to a handsome bayview terrace (with no wheelchair access). After a chilly crossing, try the enjoyable New England-style clam chowder, which is milky, clean, and not over-thickened, with tender clams and tiny diced potatoes. The menu features breakfast dishes, burgers, sandwiches, variations on fish and chips including prawns, and chili dogs (all served with generic fries), plus some entrée salads. The burgers are genuinely "have it your way" — for a few extra cents each, the kitchen will add extra ingredients (Jack or Cheddar, mushrooms, grilled onions, bacon, jalapeño). Open daily, 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Inexpensive. -N.W. (8/01)

**Brickyard Coffee and Tea** 675 West G Street, downtown, 619-696-7220. The problem, if you're rich enough to live in the Marina District, is the lack of café life. That is, until this modest little eatery and café settled in next to the tracks by the Seaport Village trolley stop. You sit under eleven poplar trees in a brick patio that has one unusual downtown advan-- except for the wind sifting through the poplars (or a trolley pulling in), it's completely silent here. Sipping coffee and reading your paper is the thing here, but you can fill up, too, with items like "Texas chili," or grilled cheese and tomato sandwich with a cup of chili, or spinach and mushroom quiche with a small Caesar salad, or panini. You can also order half a sandwich — turkey, ham, beef, or tuna with a cup of soup or Caesar salad. It's the nearest thing to a French country café. Open early morning till 3 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/04)

Broadway Pizza 1008 Broadway (at Tenth Street), downtown, 619-232-6264. This restaurant, near the downtown Senior Center and City College, offers no-nonsense Italian-American food. And they're not skimpy: from a pizza slice to barbecue beef sandwiches to a Louisiana-style sausage link sub, portions are gener-ous. If you want a hearty dinner, try the whole slab of beef ribs, with veggies, garlic bread, and salad. Unfortunately, the quality has dropped; the formerly fine pizza, for instance, is now marred by oily, low-grade mozzarella and notso-great optional deli-meat toppings. But the main thing is, while the rest of downtown snores, they're still open, from 10 a.m. to to 3 a.m., seven days. And they'll even deliver to nearby neighborhoods. Inexpensive. N.W. (9/03)

Cafe Cerise 1125 Sixth Avenue (at  $\rm C$ Street), downtown, 619-595-0153. The name is French for "cherry," and although the café's logo looks more like a cherry bomb, this craftsmanly kitchen is no dud. Chef-owner Jason Seibert seems blessed with an instinct for deciding what goes with what, and in what proportions. His daily-changing Euro-Cal bistro menu emphasizes fresh, in-season produce and plenty of slow-cooked comfort foods, prepared honestly from scratch. Don't miss the day's choice of house-made pâtés or sausages, the herb-stuffed organic chicken, or the fish *en papillotte*. There's an adventurous, affordable wine list and a full bar. The modest bill for such an indulgent feast is the cherry on top. Lunch weekdays; dinner Thursday through Saturday. Moderate to slightly expensive. — *N.W.* (5/04)

Dobson's 956 Broadway Circle, downtown, 619-231-6771. This reputable downtown restaurant offers class and comfort, geared for people who enjoy eating well. The food is good, of-ten very good, as with chicken liver mousse pâté, Mediterranean blue mussels, culotte steak, and, when available, the crude but virtuous soft-shell crab. Their sweets, such as brownies and bananas Foster strudel, are hefty, louche, and cheap. Bring a date to the upstairs dining room. Dobson's is suave, its confidence infectious. Moderate to expensive. — M.N. (10/98)

Fleming's Steak House & Wine **Bar** 380 K Street (at Fourth), Gaslamp, 619-237-1155. Original branch at 8970 University Center Lane, University City/Golden Triangle, 858-535-0078. A steakhouse for ladies who power lunch, an "old girl's" club, or just a happy place where the term "a nice piece of meat" isn't a bad thing? The mahogany of the "old boys" steakhouse genre gives way here to cheery cherry wood. When you get the fried cheese, it's brie, rolled in panko bread crumbs and slivered almonds. And the wine list boasts far more than just burly Cabernets and Bordeaux — over 100 of the far-flung offerings are available by the glass and you can assemble your own glass and you can assemble your own three-glass tasting flights. Prime steaks are the main event, perfectly cooked and well-seasoned. Try the Key Lime pie for dessert — custardy and full of limey bite. Valet parking. Dinner nightly. Very expensive. — A.M. (3/04)

Gen Lai Sen Hakka Seafood Restaurant 1065 12th Avenue (at C Street), downtown, 619-239-5478 or 619-239-5479. Across the street from City College, you'll encounter a split personality. The good twin provides superb Hakka dishes, a style developed by a nomadic people originally from northwest China, now residents of mainly the south China coast. The bad twin dishes out gluey cornstarch-ridden stir-fries for starving students. But it's easy to tell which twin is which: The "chef recommend sizzle plates," the hot pots that taste like home cooking (best ordered by four or more), the greaseless fried rice, the noodles (especially "house special rice noodles"), and the whole steamed fish-of-the-day are palpable hits. And if you really want to know what the fuss about Hakka is all about, try the sizzle plate stuffed to fu these deep-fried crisp rectangles with a pork meatball inserted in each tender center resemble meat-flavored roasted marshmallows, and may just change your mind about bean curd. Open brunch through dinner daily, 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Pleasant service, very casual, mainly inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

George's on Fifth 835 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-702-0444. This steakhouse is in a historic building that was once a hangout of Wyatt Earp— it now boasts faux-Victorian decor and amusing wall art. Formerly Roger's on Fifth, it was owned by former mayorfelon Roger Hedgecock; now Roger's rabbited and left it to his partner George Harrington. It's still wildly popular with conventioneers on expense accounts. The menu offers Prime and ultra-Prime steaks (and roast beef on weekends), some of it at jaw-dropping prices — although entrées do include free vegetables. Ask for sauces on the side unless you like them thick and heavy. Some of the best items are non

beef: the cold seafood appetizers ("lobster Martini," oysters, tuna tartare) and a juicy grilled pork chop. Good range of wines at normal to slightly high markups; full bar. Valet parking; cheaper lot through alley next to restaurant. Dinner nightly. Expensive to extreme. — *N.W.* (3/04)

Indigo Grill 1536 India Street, Little Italy, 619-234-6802. This second and much grander — incarnation of Chef Deborah Scott's Indigo Grill expands her original Native American motif, with its focus on root vegetables. game, and roasted spices. Now, the Pacific Coastal cuisine takes in more coast than most, drawing upon ingredients and techniques from Alaska to Oaxaca. (The decor, dark and urban-primitive, follows the theme.) Unexpected com binations are a mainstay; a single dish such as the seafood mixto, may span the entire distance, bringing together a multitude of flavors that work together to create a wondrous whole. Fine breads are made in-house, as are desserts (try the decadent, crispy creamy plantain cheesecake *flautas*). The wine list includes interesting varietals like Mourvedre and Viognier. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly; closes early Sundays, but open until 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Lunch: inexpensive to moderate; dinner: moderate to expensive. — A.M. (11/02)

La Casita 1247 C Street (at 13th Street), downtown, 619-531-0044. Don't be fooled by the li'l old blue-andwhite clapboard house at the bottom of City College's hill. Princes and politicians come to this full-service restaurant to hammer out deals, mix with the Latino (or Anglo) community, and eat some of the best chorizo con huevos (spicy pork sausage with eggs) in town. Fair-weather eaters flock to the spa-cious garden patio to chow down among the songbirds. In the cozy Mexican-style interior, the pictures on the walls tell vou who-all comes here for the good tacos and enchiladas or the delicious pork burritos. Most delicious of all is watching Anglo City-Hallers trying valiantly to learn to love the house-made menudo (tripe soup). Delivery anywhere downtown. Open weekdays, breakfast through early dinner; Saturday breakfast and lunch. -E.B. (11/00)

Mr. Tiki's Mai Tai Lounge 801 Fifth Avenue (at F Street), Gaslamp, 619-233-1183. If you loved Trader Vic's (or can remember it, anyway), you may be amused at the revival of the genre here. Check out the "grass skirt" decor with huge tiki gods and the vaguely "islander" cuisine featuring greasy Cantonese-American fried classics, elementary sushi, and the occasional sprint into fusion-cuisine seafood. But, as you might guess, the greatest creativity in the house goes into the silly umbrella cocktails, and those are mainly delish. Age 21 and over after 9 p.m. (even with parents). Dinner nightly until 11 p.m.; weekends until 1 a.m. Moderate. — N.W. (10/04)

Osteria Panevino 722 Fifth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp, 619-595-7959. At this Tuscany-style Italian restaurant, the appetizers and pastas are as close to heaven as you can get, particularly the spinach ravioli and potato gnocchi in a four-cheese sauce. The stuffed focaccias are simply incredible, and the pizzas are well-nigh perfect. The exposed brick walls enhance the European feeling. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive, wines rather high. — E.W. (4/00)

Napa Valley Grille 502 Horton Plaza, Gaslamp, 619-238-5440. This restaurant at the top of Horton Plaza is staffed by professionals and the food is very, very good, including the excellent calamari plate. Their monkfish is a deeply satisfying Southern delight. Try the airy, sweet goat cheese cheesecake for dessert. There is an elegant homevness to Napa Valley Grille, a comforting, satisfying dining experience. Moderate to expensive. — M.N. (3/00)

Sixth Avenue Bistro 1165 Sixth Avenue (at B Street), downtown, 619-239-4194. This charming, airy café offers some very credible New Orleansstyle cooking at affordable prices. Among the sandwiches are an outstanding oyster po' boy (with big juicy oysters and good light batter) and a fine, fully-packed approximation of a *muffaletta*, albeit with a kaiser roll











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standing in for Central Grocery's big, round Italian bread. The mix-it-yourself jambalaya is tasty, too, even if kielbasa proves a lame substitute for chau rice or andouille. Wine and beer. No reservations, breakfast to early dinner (closes 8 p.m.). Inexpensive. – N.W. (3/01)

**Strip Club** 340 Fifth Avenue (at J Street), Gaslamp, 619-231-3140. This grill-your-own steak joint is a homage to Golden Hill's Turf Supper Club but if Turf is a low-budget indie cult film, Strip Club is the Gaslamp's big, brassy, high-budget Hollywood remake (even though prices, like those of movie tickets, are roughly the same). It's loud and handsome, and if the USDA Choice steaks (available in numerous cuts) are not quite as flavorful as Turf's, they're still good enough for the price — and you can take them up a notch with numerous spice blends and sauces on hand at each gas grill. Other choices include burgers, chicken breast, ahi tuna steak, and meat or seafood kabobs (the shrimp is particularly good, with peppers, onions, and meaty hunks of Portobello mushroom), Entrées come with salad and puffy, cookit-yourself garlic bread, resembling hamburger buns with gigantiasis. Six veg and starch side dishes (including two types of gluey mashed potatoes) are available at extra cost; desserts are commercial ice cream novelties. Casual, no reservations, street-patio dining available. Over 21 only, no minors even with adult accompaniment. Dinners Tuesday through Sunday nights, open late on weekends. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (11/02)

Vida Cart Corner of Fifth Avenue and Island Avenue, downtown. (No phone.) This is the kind of street scene you would find in New York or San Francisco. Daniela, an artist from Bulgaria, started this evening-to-late-night food cart right under the historic Chinese Callan hotel. The idea was: extra cash between paintings. It has evolved into a late-night meeting spot for artists, students, chefs, and new downtowners looking for street-life. Friends and strangers sit around until 2 or 3 in

the morning arguing about art, politics, and life in a town that's not used to staying up. Her staples are coffee, so-das, jumbo hot dogs, hot links, corn dogs, pretzels, and nachos. But her seven-inch pizza is as good as a meal, and the clincher is she has a fenced-off seating area where you can talk and watch the scene. And at Fifth and Island there's always a scene. Open Wednesday to Sunday 6 p.m. until 3 a.m. or so. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (5/02)

## **SOUTH BAY &** CORONADO

Azzura Point Loews Coronado Bay Resort, 4000 Coronado Bay Road (Silver Strand Boulevard), Coronado, 619-424-4000 or 619-424-4477. The quietly luxurious dining room with a serene bayfront view is romantic and a bit dressy, but far from stuffy. It's not just for tourists, but a lovely evening's getaway for locals. The California-French cuisine with an occasional Hawaiian touch emphasizes seasonal ingredients in slightly unexpected combinations. Along with a multi-course chef's tasting menu and à la carte dishes, a "sea spa" dinner showcases fresh seafoods in healthful preparations. A good wine list at reasonable markups is strong on half-bottles. Free valet parking at the porte cochere of the main lobby. Dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Very expensive. — N.W. (11/01)

Bay Beach Cafe Ferry Landing Marketplace, 1201 First Street, Coronado, 619-435-4900. The dinner menu here has California's typical dumbed-down world-appetizer array, plus salads, pastas, grilled meats, a few sautée items and children's plates. The restaurant is very family-friendly (full o' kids, actually), with a menu that appeals to the young in mouth: The chef seems to have a sweet tooth, since almost every dish involves honey or sugar — for example, the table butter that's intriguingly flavored with a honey-basil mix-ture. Your server will tell you about the day's fresh-fish selections, which are more attuned to adult palates with fresh, fine-quality seafood done sim-ply and well. Ultra-noisy inside when crowded; reserve for the lovely terrace with a view of the beach. Open daily, lunch and dinner, with weekend breakfast. Moderate to slightly expensive. -N.W. (8/01)

Chula Vista Farmers' Market Center Street (between Del Mar and 3rd), Chula Vista, 619-237-1632. Most folks come here for flowers, fruit, lucky bamboo, and olive oil. But the food tents give the event its smell and soul. What's here varies, but try Argentina's national snack, empanadas, at the Argentinean Gourmet tent. They come with chicken, spinach, corn, or, of course, beef. Chicken-chutney tacos from Zia's (of Zia's Afghan Café) are rich. The savory California Super Crêpe (with bacon, avocado, and cheese) from Tunisian-run La Crêperie's tent fills you nicely. Also try their wicked "Summer Blush" strawberries and Grand Marnier crèpe. Cheaper here? No. Medieval market atmosphere? Definitely. 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., Thursdays only. Inexpensive. — E.B. (2/04)

L'Escale Coronado Marriott Island Resort, 2000 Second Street, Coronado, 619-435-3000. Probably the pink flamingos and bay views bring you here first. But L'Escale ("Port of Call" in French) delivers to the taste buds too. For "Northern Mediterranean cuisine with California flair," read lots of pasta, fish, salads, sandwiches. Try the grilled salmon niçoise salad with its richly sauced fish, crunchy green beans, red potatoes, strong olives, and rosemary-flavored bun. Entrées like grilled chicken and mushrooms in parmesan cream with penne pasta are safe enough. Or bone-in filet mignon with black pepper zinfandel sauce. But for sheer architecture, check out the tuna salad sandwich wrapped in lavosh: three vertical Armenian bread tubes, angle-sliced to reveal interiors of tuna and greenery. Eat on the pool and bay-surrounded patio if you can. Breakfast, lunch, dinner. Moderate to expensive. — E.B. (2/03)

Miracle Mile Delicatessen 980 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6655. Back East meets Out West. New Yorker Jack Grodzinsky started the first Miracle Mile in Phoenix in 1949. The cream and maroon colors, the cafeteria tray-on-rails system, and the cabbagy-gravy smell tell you this is a cold weather comfort-food station. They're generous with dishes like meat loaf, stuffed cabbage, and roast chicken. The counter guys also make hot sandwiches (pastrami, corned beef, beef

brisket, barbecued chicken) or cold (honey-cured ham, roast beef, tuna). Best deal? For many, the roasted turkey. A fresh-cooked bird arrives every evening except Sunday. Come right after 4 p.m. to get first carvings and tons of fixin's. Prices? For Coronado, pretty reasonable. Open lunch to early dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/04)

Spiro's Gyros Ferry Landing, 1201 Street #4, Coronado. 619-435-1225. The food, the music, the view - are we outside Athens? Is this the Aegean? This inside-outside Greek café is located at the water's edge, and the heated patio has a spectacular view of San Diego, the bay, and the boat traf-fic. At sunset, sipping their excellent Greek wine (cheaper than their California), watch the sun set the city ablaze in gold. The prices keep Spiro's popular with the locals as well as tourists. Try the moussaka (eggplant casserole) or the souvlaki chicken, marinated in tzatziki sauce, served with tomatoes, onions, and pita bread. Open seven days until 8 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Tango Grille Argentine Steak **House** 635 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-420-0384. Play *gaucho* and enjoy the most authentic Argentine parril-lada (mixed grill) in town at this charming, warmly decorated bistro about two minutes from the Chula Vista Shopping Center. Fine, smoky wood-grilled Colorado beef appears in several unusual cuts (including succulent steak-cut short-ribs). You can choose from two different mixed grills (sized for one or two), the first with conventional meats, the other — the more adventurous — includes organ meats and blood sausage. For starters, there are brilliantly seasoned mini-empanadas of amazing lightness, as well as several interesting salads. Those not in a grilled-meat mood can opt for numerous pastas (including a big, meaty lasagna) or the ubiquitous milanesa (breaded beef or chicken patties) of the pampas. Portions are more than generous, and so are the flavors. Low moderate. — N.W. (4/02)

Village Pizzeria 1206 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-522-0449. In the back, Mootime Creamery makes all its ice cream. In the front, Mootime owner David Spatafore decided to set up what he's always wanted: A cheap, back-east Italian, red-and-white-tablecloth, dangling Chianti bottle eatery where local

families and amateur sports teams can come in and pig out. He wisely didn't destroy what was half of the famous old Mexican Village. Instant atmosphere! Ancient murals of guys with guitars serenading señoritas, arches, illuminated clusters of red grapes. The bad news: You might have to handle pumped-up kids' sports teams cramming the booths around you. The good news: Great calzones, pizza by the slice, and he sells Mootime ice cream cheaper than Mootime. Open lunch through dinner, seven days. Inexpensive. -E.B. (12/04)

Ye Olde Plank Inn 24 Palm Avenue, Imperial Beach, 619-423-5976. The last true beach pub on the coast? It's a great mix: biker jackets, ZZ-Top beards, shaved heads, Navy vets, Air America jocks, surfers, and sometimes half of Hollywood seems to turn up. Food's pretty much always available, but the must-eat is their unbelievable weekend brunch. You get a 6- or 8-ounce steak (your choice, or substitute six sausages or ham or a pork loin), plus a one- to ten-egg scramble (or any style), home fries, and a pick-me-up drink (like a Bloody Mary, Screwdriver, Salty Dog, Bud, or Coke) from the bar, all at a standard coffee shop breakfast price. No wonder the place has stayed open since 1886. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/01)

### BAJA

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Cafe Français La Belle Claude Calle Galeana #8186-A (at 7th Street, two steps off Revolución), Tijuana, 685-3415. Maybe it's no surprise: the most French-like patisserie of all is in Tijuana. La Belle Claude, named after the owner's daughter, looks far too expensive, but it's not. Inside it's a light and airy place, full of beautifully varnished wood, almost like a ship's saloon, with little Eiffel towers painted here and there, Victorian ceiling fans and lamps, and a counter of display cases stuffed with cookies, artily frosted cakes, cheeses, and sodas. The menu is authentic too, offering such light dishes as Le Croque Monsieur (open-faced

sandwich on honey bread with ham, grilled Swiss cheese, and béchamel sauce), the *Croque-Madame* (same as the "Monsieur" but with an egg), and salade niçoise (tuna, anchovies, tomatoes, cucumber, potatoes, egg, onions, and black olives). You can even order a Provençal omelet (zucchini, eggplant, tomatoes, and onions). Unusual bonus: the round cheeses, Cornish hen eggs, fresh vegetables, and honey on display all come from the owner's own farm, Rancho El Eden, beyond the Rodriguez dam. Open every day. Inexpensive. -E.B. (5/02)

D'Stefano Pizza Restaurant Carrillo Puerto #7835 (at 3rd Street), between Martinez (D Avenue) and Mutualismo (E Avenue), three blocks west of Avenida Revolución, 638-4309. Evening around nine is the best time to come, when groups are in here carousing with tarros and pizza. Tarros are giant mugs that hold *caguamas* (large "sea turtle" bottles) of Tecate beer. There's plenty of good standard Italian food to go along with it. You can pay a little — for basic dishes like spaghetti or lasagna — or up to around twenty dollars for a "gigantic" pizza. Inexpensive. Midday to midnight, seven days. — E.B. (2/04)

El Cid Lopez Mateos #993 (just off

Blancarte), Ensenada, Baja, 646-178-1809. This restaurant is at the heart of the tourist district, but the cooking and service are way above coach class. Look to the "Specialties" section of the huge menu for the most interesting selections. Crisp quail with rose petal sauce (famed from *Like Wa*ter for Chocolate) proves outrageously delicious, and the seasonal chiles en nogada (meat-stuffed poblano chiles with walnut-cream and pomegranate) gain refinement from greaseless ground sir-loin. Fish dishes are fresh, rich, and tender, and you'll find nine different ways to enjoy a steak. If you can handle a tableside production number, crêpes with cajeta (caramel sauce) makes a very grand finale. Fully bilingual staff: English menus available. Sidewalk patio dining available. Reserve for weekends during tourist peaks. Full bar, with excellent margaritas, Baja wines. Open daily, continuous service breakfast through dinner. Moderate. N.W. (4/03)

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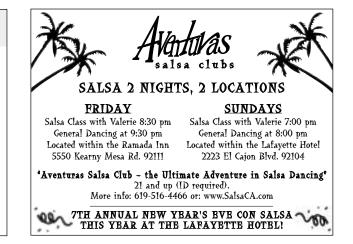
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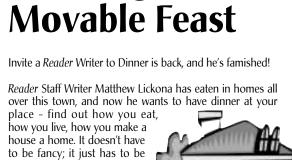
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Hacienda de la Tia Juana Canaco Building, next to the Wax Museum, Avenida México (First Street), at Madero, downtown Tijuana. The elegance of this place, named after a border rancho, is a bit of a surprise. It's slapdab in the middle of raucous (now-pedestrianized) First Street (also known as Avenida México), the route for those of us who have to walk from the border, surrounded by taco and beer joints eager to relieve you of your last buck. But here, under white umbrellas in the courtyard, you wouldn't be

ashamed to bring your grandma. It's all filigreed wrought iron, triple-tier fountain, pigskin barrel chairs, quality flatware — with good value meals. A chorizo and potato omelet makes a great breakfast, as does the *poblano* omelet with chili and corn. Lunch and dinner food is *bistec ranchero* standard, but don't get picky. You're here for the feeling, to escape TJ as much as to visit it. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (12/04)

Mr. Fish Blvd. Agua Caliente #6000, Tijuana, 686-3603. Also at City Hall, Palacio Municipal (at Paseo del Cente nario and Avenida Josefa Ortiz de Dominguez), Río District, Tijuana, 682-8020. The sign is showing its age and the concept (exotic middle-class restaurant in the middle of a parking lot) seems dated, but two-decade-old Mr. Fish is still serving good fish food. Ask for the Spanish-language menu if you can handle it — it's far more extensive than its poor English cousin. Sit outside under the palm thatch if weather permits. All the basic dishes are good, like octopus in white wine, Lucifer's Oysters with white sauce and smoky chipotle chiles, or the Mr. Fish Combination: half a lobster, fish, shrimp, and calamari. Probably the most popular gringo choice is mahi mahi in lemonpepper sauce, but consider ordering with *salsa eneldo* — dill sauce. Also ir

teresting: seafood fettuccine "a la Gorvachov" (with vodka) and anything (such as the lobster Mr. Fish or thermidor) with the signature *salsa blanca*. It'll remind you of something (could it be Rubio's?). Open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., seven days. Moderate. — *E.B.* (12/04)

Rica Torta Niños Héroes Avenida #890, between 2nd and 3rd Streets (opposite Dorian's department store), Tiiuana, 685-8579. This café may have the best tortas (call them Mexican-style hamburgers) in Tijuana. Six-inch rashers of marinated carne asada, slices of ham, squares of cheese, chopped salad, tomato slices, fresh-scooped avocado...it's a double-wide, double-high burger. The menu has 16 different kinds of tortas, from chorizo with eggs to beefsteak ranchero, all served in huge, three-ribbed, crisp-toasted Mexican bread buns. There's other stuff, but to a burger buff, one of these is quite enough. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/01)

## MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

**D'Lish Pizza and Pasta** 2470 San Diego Avenue, Old Town,

619-296-6969. Here in Old Town, at least, D'Lish gets a lot of custom from people who are Mex'd out, foodwise. This growing chain has always prided itself on its Italian/California pastas, pizzas, and salads. Now Old Town (along with Poway) has gone carnivorous, adding marinated flank steak and a rib eye to the "bistro entrées." If you're or-dering the flank, well-done is a no-no. That will toughen it. But a rare flank is, well, d'lish in its marination and especially its pesto-like chimichurri sauce. Also good: fire-roasted vegetables pizza, where the quick roasting makes for great-tasting, Technicolor-bright broccoli, zucchini, eggplant, and bell pep-pers. And "Mediterranean chicken salad" works well, partly thanks to the tang of pepperoni chips. A big part of the appeal of the Old Town D'Lish branch is the charming patio it occupies, with gas lamps, hanging flowers, and a fountain. Oh, and if you're not all-Mex'dout, they've added a carne asada burrito and other border-food choices. Other branches at Chula Vista (386 East H Street, Suite 211, 619-585-1371); East-lake Village Center South (2260 Otay Lakes Road, Suite 101, 619-216-3900); Poway (12265 Scripps Poway Parkway, 858-693-3636); and San Diego (5252 Balboa Avenue, Suite 101-B, 619-277-9977). Moderate. — E.B. (8/02)

Heidi and Bernie's German Bratwurst Tent North Park Thursday Night Market, North Park Way (between 29th and 30th Streets), no phone. Also Scripps Ranch Saturday Morning Market (10380 Spring Canyon Road) and La Jolla's Sunday Morning Farmers Market (at Genter and Girard), 619-588-1288. Heidi and Bernie have kept it simple — just a blue-and-white square tent with a table and chairs. The menu is simple too: "Bratwurst Sausage in a Bun, Kosher Polish sausage, Louisiana Hot Link Smoked Turkey and Chicken Sausag with Artichoke and Roasted Garlic, Hot Dog, Double Double Burger," and "Single Burger." But you know from Bernie's authentic Bavarian background that these sausages are the real, earthy thing. And the sauerkraut is sweet. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

Sammy's Woodfired Pizza It's not Italian or New York pizza, it's...San Diego pizza! The crusts are Californian: thick and slightly sweet. The toppings range from ordinary to exotic. The menu includes many salads and a handful of American-Italian entrées. Continuous service, same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily. Inexpensive. 702 Pearl Street, La Jolla, 858-456-5222; 770 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-230-8888: 8650 Genesee Avenue.

Costa Verde, 858-404-9898; 12925 El Camino Real, Del Mar, 858-259-6600; 1620 Camino de la Reina, Mission Valley, 619-298-8222. — N.W. (7/04)

**St. Tropez** If you love continental breakfast, these bright cafés with indooroutdoor seating offer scores of house-baked pastries (including brioche) and good coffee. Parisian-style brunch/lunch choices embrace croque monsieur and croque madame (grilled ham and cheese sandwiches, topped with either light cream sauce or an egg), crêpes, quiche, onion soup gratinée, or chicken-filled puff-pastry. Omelets are rather weighty. Some of the sandwiches offer Mediterranean flavors — try a pan bagnat (salade niçoise on a baguette) or one of the grilled panini. Desserts range from cookies on up to elaborate cakes. Beer and wine. Open daily, breakfast to dinner. Inexpensive. Encinitas: 947 South Coast Highway 101, Lumberyard Shopping Center #103D, 760-633-0084; downtown: 926 Broadway Circle, 619-696-8695 and 600 W. Broadway, 619-234-2560; Hillcrest: 3805 Fifth Avenue, 619-497-0297; Rancho Bernardo: Dove Canyon #109, 858-673-6824; Sorrento Valley: 9450 Scranton Road, 858-202-0015. -N.W. (12/04)

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### **Harry IV**

### The unabated spectacle of special effects becomes almost routine.

lame it on the Star Wars cycle, lame it on the *Star Wars* cycle, in particular the middle part of the original trilogy. *The Empire* the original trilogy, The Empire Strikes Back, the one, if I remember it right, that leaves Luke Skywalker with a solo hand and Han Solo carbonized.

We cannot very well place any of the blame on the Lord of the Rings cycle, since that one got going simultaneously

with the Harry Potter cycle, at the end of 2001. The latter cycle, two years after the former coasted to a stop, continues to pedal onward, now reaching the fourth installment in J.K. Rowling's series of children's books, where it seems to be thought legitimate — and thus the search for blame — to have a two-and-a-half-hour movie which, for all its furious activity, gets virtually nowhere.

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire starts off, after a cryptic prologue featuring a computer-generated whispering snake, with the staging of the 422nd Quidditch World Cup, pitting (I believe it was) Ireland against Bulgaria, but the festivities get disrupted by something much worse than soccer hooligans. I was not sure exactly what. Quidditch hooligans, maybe. Then it moves immediately to the business — the alternative sport — of the Triwizard Tournament, a "legendary" contest, conferring "eternal glory" on the victor, to be hosted by Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry: three parlous tasks — fire-

breathing dragons, an underwater treasure hunt, a maze of carnivorous vegetation undertaken by three

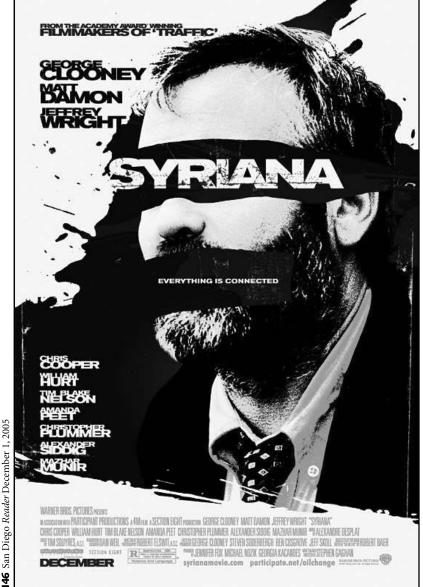
select students over the age of seventeen. Except that this time the selection apparatus, the aforesaid Goblet of Fire, spits out the name of an additional fourth contestant, three years below the age limit, our owlish little Harry. A Tetrawizard Tournament, all of a sudden. Between tasks, a school dance takes place, the annual Yule Ball, an occasion for awkward-age dating rites and Cinderellish dolling-up (no one more than the blossoming Hermione). And during the third and final task, the snake of the prologue will metamorphose into semi-human form: "You know what this means, don't you? He's back! Lord Voldemort has returned!' If, like me, you haven't read the books, and you can't quite remember where the third installment left off a year and a half ago, much less where the first in-



stallment took up a full four years back, and you are not altogether certain 'what this means," then the following must suffice: "Dark and difficult times lie ahead." And there you have your movie. Two and a half hours... a tournament... a victor (guess who)... and now "dark and difficult times lie ahead." I know the feeling.

Potterites, under the freedom-ofreligion pact, ought not to be begrudged their mythology; and two and a half hours of lavish illustration might well strike their eyes as a feast. The skeptic or the mere apathetic is more apt to notice the presumptuousness of filmmakers who expect their audience to meet them seven-eighths of the way.

(Have you done your homework, kiddies?) The skeptic or apathetic will also be quicker to sense that the unabated spectacle of special effects becomes almost routine, almost humdrum, regardless of how imaginative some of those effects may be: the sailing ship that surfaces and submerges like a submarine, the ghostly face of Sirius



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molded in the glowing embers of the hearth for a fireside chat. Such a viewer will also be more prone to argue that this sort of anything-goes fantasy, with few established rules, fosters a feeling of passiveness if not instinctive, involuntary withdrawal.

The new director, Mike Newell, is the best of the three to take the controls in the series so far (Chris Columbus for parts one and two, Alfonso Cuarón for part three), although a runaway train is open only to the most limited guidance. We are reminded of his capabilities not so much by any demonstration of them as by the presence of Miranda Richardson, his scintillating star in Dance with a Stranger, and quite delightful here in the new role of Rita Skeeter, nosy news reporter for the animated scandal sheet, The Daily Profit, Brendan Gleeson is no less delightful as the new instructor in the Dark Arts, Mad-Eye Moody, with his rotating artificial eye and his baseball-stitchery pattern of scars. Very briefly delightful, too, is the Scots-accented Asian girl whose name I didn't get. (Delightful in the way of the Minnesota-accented Asian in Fargo.) Michael Gambon, though not exactly delightful, reinvigorates the old and enlarged role of Dumbledore, formerly occupied by the late Richard Harris. And Ralph Fiennes, very far from delightful, is unrecognizable as the reptilian Voldemort, a sort of Freddy Krueger with superior plastic surgery. We'll be seeing more of him

in the future. I can wait.

The Ice Harvest, directed by the consistently lightweight Harold Ramis, is an incomprehensible embezzling caper, off-puttingly flippant in tone, yet it generates an atmospheric sense of weather and of environment: Christmas in Wichita, under a freezing rain, on skating-rink roads, around and about the seedy strip clubs and massage parlors, names like Tease-o-Rama, The Sweet Cage, The Velvet Touch, John Cusack, a near synonym for Robert Downey, Jr., heads an unstellar cast tailing off through Billy Bob Thornton, Oliver Platt, Connie Nielsen, and Randy Quaid.

Rent fills our current annual quota of Broadway musicals brought to the screen (2004: The Phantom of the Opera, 2003: none, 2002: Chicago), and that's before the arrival next month of the musicalized Producers (a make-up for 2003). The present one, in case you didn't know, is Jonathan Larson's quick-time parade of undistinguished and largely indistinguishable songs in celebration of bohemian bonhomie on the Lower East Side, tested by AIDS, drugs, romantic intrigues. Director Chris Columbus, having jumped off the Harry Potter train, does a workmanlike job of "opening up" the action into realistic spaces, thoroughly explored, fully utilized. (Though there was no need, when one of the characters takes off for a Santa Fe sojourn, to follow him there.) Outside of Rosario Dawson and Taye Diggs, the stage cast will be unfamiliar to the average moviegoer and, despite their several talents, likely to stay that way.

Finally, and belatedly, from the Everything's Relative Department: it says something about contemporary cinema that the recent reissue of a subpar Antonioni from the mid-Seventies The Passenger — held more allure for me, in anticipation, than nine out of ten new and never-seen movies. And even though a second viewing revealed it hadn't improved with age, or with the addition of seven restored minutes of footage, it gratified me more as well. In a word, it's so much more composed. By which I don't (although I could) mean more cool and collected. I simply mean more compositional. Something so basic shouldn't be so

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Aeon Flux — Futuristic action film with Charlize Theron, Marton Csokas, and Jonny Lee Miller, directed by Karyn

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Bee Season — Co-directors Scott McGehee and David Siegel, fresh from  $\it The$ Deep End, turn to a novel by Myla Goldberg. And on the evidence it's difficult to see how anyone could have thought there was a movie in it, even someone in the full flush of the spelling-bee documentary, Spellbound. Fictional spelling bees, about which we must speak intuitively rather than empirically, are bound to be low on suspense, and the ones here are so telegraphed that you always know what's going to happen before it happens. The principal speller is an Oakland sixth-grader (Flora Cross) whose eyes-closed technique permits her to "see" the word, often with the help of computer animation, the letters swirling around her head like a flock of tiny seagulls. Her father, a Judaic scholar, amounts to the type of fantasy figure for whom the female addicts of Lifetime movies would be willing to kill. He's Richard Gere, to begin with (designer eyeglasses, ermine coiffure); and he does all the cooking around the house; he plays the violin to his son's cello in afterdinner duets; and when the neglected daughter shows an unexpected aptitude for

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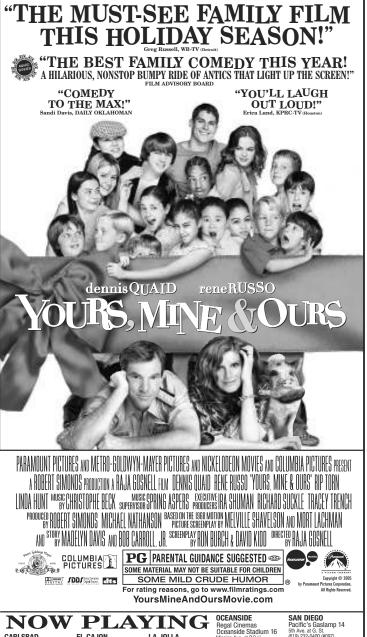
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spelling, he volunteers to be her full-time coach ("I'm pretty good at this sort of thing, you know"), filling her head with occult lore about letters being a conduit to the ear of God. Despite all this, and to the hairpulling exasperation of the Lifetime addict, no one in the family is happy with him, especially his wife, the exhaustingly tense Juliette Binoche, who lost her parents in a childhood car wreck, and who now goes off on mysterious errands, staying out till all hours of the night, breaking into anony mous houses for unknown reasons, having flashbacks to the fatal crash, and eventually serving to illustrate her husband's classroom lessons on "tikkun olam," the repair of the shattered. The newly neglected son (Max Minghella), in what could have been a rich source of humor, finds an alternative path to God's ear, that of the Hare Krishnas, lured there by a Veggie Barbie played by Kate Bosworth. (Neither the son nor the daughter appears to have a friend in the world.) The entire thing attains a degree of pretension that might have been amusing if it weren't so boring. 2005.

• (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Capote — Truman Capote, that is, during the six years it took to research and write his "nonfiction novel," In Cold Blood. Re gardless of how true a story, it is truly a good story, whose claim on our attention is not that it's factual but that it's fascinating. It is the story, at bottom, of an artist at





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work; a writer in pursuit of a subject; an established novelist, a Manhattan dandy transplanted from the Deep South, who, for reasons unclear, clips out an item from The New York Times of November 15, 1959, about the massacre of a family in rural Kansas, and who promptly gets the goahead from the editor at The New Yorker to hop a train to the scene of the crime. The story, then, of an exotic fruit in the Midwest breadbasket, with his nasally lisping castrato drawl and his ankle-length camel's-hair coat and flowing boa-like scarf. ("Bergdorf's," he volunteers, fingering the scarf under the inquisitive gaze of an agent from the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, who, tugging on his hat brim when taking his leave, says in turn, "Sears, Roebuck.") The story of a man who, in the end, fits his chosen title as well as either the murderers or their executioners. It is not a

story with a moral to it, although some viewers will feel compelled, for their own comfort, to draw one; it is simply, and complicatedly, the story of an artist at work. In its general outline - what price art? - it may be a bit old-hat; in its particulars it is like-new. Philip Seymour Hoffman, even after you have gotten over the initial funniness of his celebrity impersonation, serves as our constant reminder to take the story with a grain of salt, to put quotation marks around the name of Capote. His whole-souled commitment to the part, his concentration, his emotion, his expressiveness, his nuance, his multiplicity — all of that helps to make a good story better. Whether or not truer. With Catherine Keener, Chris Cooper, Clifton Collins, Jr., and Bruce Greenwood; written by Dan Futterman; directed by Bennett Miller. 2005.

★★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; HILLCREST CINE MAS: SAN MARCOS 18)

Chicken Little — "The sky is falling," in Disney's computer-animated retelling of the tale, turns out to be a metaphor for an

alien invasion, and the title character becomes a synonym of civic-minded vigilance. More basically, he and his styro foamy chums — the ugly duck, the fat pig. the fish out of water, et al. — are just cartoon conformists anxious to show off their pop-culture hipness. With the voices of Zach Braff, Joan Cusack, Steve Zahn, and Garry Marshall; directed by Mark Dindal.

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The Constant Gardener — An adaptation of a John le Carré suspense novel, and a long stride for filmmaker Fernando Meirelles (City of God) from the slums of Rio de Janeiro. Le Carré, to be sure, has always had an elevated social consciousness, and a missionary zeal to match, and so the stretch for the Brazilian is largely geographical: to Kenya, where a multinational pharmaceutical company is using the natives as unwitting guinea pigs, or sacrificial lambs, for an experimental drug called Dypraxa. The spectator will require only the slightest touch of paranoia, or slightest taste for the paranoia genre, to find this premise credi-ble. He will face a stiffer challenge to find it cinematic. Vague on particulars, slow in progress, thick in texture, the film follows a course of knowingness rather than "showingness." And the jiggle and jump in the visual style, though tempered a bit from City of God, can drum up little excitement on their own. Of course, many a filmmaker before Meirelles, like many a casual reader, has failed to locate the thrills in a le Carré thriller. Yet this one holds plenty of appeal as a love story, one which we know from the outset is to be an unhappy one. The murder of a British diplomat's wife in the African backcountry opens the door on a flashback to their first beginnings: he (Ralph Fiennes, almost cringingly diffident) dutifully reading a dull lecture on behalf of

a government official in absentia, and she (Rachel Weisz, free and easy) reading him the riot act afterwards on the U.K.'s role in Iraq: "Vietnam the sequel." Not a meetcute, but a meet-rude. And before they have time really to get to know one another, they're in bed, they're married, and, with a baby on the way, they're in Kenya, where the differences in their personalities are brought out in sharpest contrast: the professional fence-straddler and the inveterate firebrand. His private inquiry into her murder, apart from the light shed on corporate malfeasance, answers all questions about the genuineness of her love for him, and of his for her. As we've seen in such other le Carré vehicles as The Spy Who Came in from the Cold, The Looking-Glass War, The Russia House, and (the most cinematic of these) The Little Drummer Girl, a gooey sentimentalist lurks within the sourball. Danny Huston, Bill Nighy, Pete Postlethwaite 2005

★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

Derailed — A Chicago family man with a diabetic daughter strikes up a risky flirtation with a woman on the commuter train, ultimately takes her to an out-of-the-way fleabag, but before any passion can be consummated they are beset by a sneering robber, beaten and raped respectively, and subsequently blackmailed. Nasty, twisty, unstomachable thriller, teaching the elementary lesson that when you are robbed and beaten, you should call the police. Don't wait for blackmail. Oh, and when you're married, don't date. That, too. With Clive Owen, Jennifer Aniston, Vincent Cassel, Melissa George; directed by Mikael Hafstrom. 2005.

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Dreamer — The writing and directing debut of the mere co-writer on Coach Carter, John Gatins, is one of the endless supply of inspirational true sports stories to come to the screen, this one the horsetrack story, and only fractionally true, of a filly called Soñador (Spanish for Dreamer, but Mariah's Storm in real life) who in midrace breaks her cannon bone (something to look up in the dictionary afterwards) and will never be able to race again, though with proper care, particularly from a blond moppet, just might walk, and just might breed, except that she turns out to be infertile, too, and then turns out to be able to do more than just walk. Admirers of Seabiscuit will be prone to find this redundant, but nonadmirers will be free to find it contrastingly modest, unpretentious, and sensible, if in a frankly sentimental vein; richly, radiantly photographed by the reliable Fred Murphy; and touchingly played by elevenyear-old Dakota Fanning, and even more touchingly, because taciturnly, by Kurt Russell as the horse's trainer and girl's father. With Elisabeth Shue, Kris Kristofferson, and David Morse. 2005.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; VOGUE)

The Dying Gaul — Craig Lucas, in his directing debut, adapts his own stage play about a Hollywood bisexual love triangle, with Peter Sarsgaard, Campbell Scott, Patricia Clarkson. (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 12/2)

First Descent — Snowboarding documentary co-directed by Kemp Curly and Kevin Harrison. (MISSION VALLEY 20, FROM 12/2)

The Fog - Tedious re-do of John Carpenter's horror nonclassic, on its silver anniversary, for the sake of two new pretty faces (Tom Welling, Maggie Grace) with nothing better to do. Selma Blair, DeRay Davis, Rade Sherbedgia; directed by Rupert Wainwright, 2005.

● (VOGUE)

Get Rich or Die Tryin' — The slight transformation of a mere gangsta into a gangsta rapper. Notwithstanding the biographical parallels to the life of its star, Curtis "50 Cent" Jackson (the internecine drug







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wars, the prison stint, the nine bullet wounds, etc.), it is lethally banal. "50 Cent," a two-bit actor, supplies an unarticulated, uninflected, unfelt narration, and his onscreen demeanor mirrors the guarded, the standoffish, the self-conscious public persona of a Mike Tyson, unconducive to intimacy. Irish-born director Jim Sheridan (My Left Foot, In the Name of the Father, The Boxer, and others) would seem, ahead of time, to lend the project what we might call "art cred," but outside of the robust photography of Declan Quinn and a near-death montage in the more mystical vein of In America, the cred doesn't survive inspection. With Terrence Howard, Joy Bryant, and Bill Duke. 2005.

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Good Night, and Good Luck — Unabashed hero worship of the "crusading" CBS newsman Edward R. Murrow, directed and co-written by George Clooney, who also plays Murrow's television producer. Fred Friendly. (In the lead role, David Strathairn has Murrow's somber countenance, speaks with his cadence, and goes through a full carton of his coffin nails.) Framed by a literal "Salute to Edward R. Murrow" in 1958, and by the guest-ofhonor's scolding assessment of the current state of TV journalism, it centers on his famous face-off four years earlier with Sen. Joe McCarthy, now known in ever widening circles as the Boogeyman. (Mc-Carthy, seen only in grainy archive footage, looks even cruder than usual in opposition to the crisply photographed thespian smoothies.) Clooney, son of a TV newscaster himself, and high-profile Hollywood liberal, would no doubt be pleased if the sitting duck of the past were taken to be a stand-in for the fluttery fowl of today Rush Limbaugh, Oliver North, and Co., the religious right, Karl Rove, take your pick and pleased, too, if Murrow's example were held up to the news networks of half a century later. (But be careful, George, what you wish for: the network that appears to come closest to Murrow's stance of advocacy, if nowhere near his humanity or integrity, would be Fox.) Clooney can surely rival any of his targeted enemies, past or present, in piety; and even, albeit in a somewhat different sense, in reactionaryism: taking up the social-conscious subject matter of the Lumet-Ritt-Frankenheimer generation (he had already done so in his live-television experiment of Fail-Safe a few years back), setting it in the precise period of their salad days, shooting it in blackand-white (not just matching the custom of the time, but Expressionistically matching the Weltanschauung of white hats versus black hats), scoring it with outmoded moody jazz, and treating it in the hectoring, lecturing style of the Rose-Serling-Schulberg screenwriters. In truth the message is gotten across with an altogether unacceptable amount of speechifying; and for all the feverishly overlapping dialogue and the occasional hustle-bustle of cast or camera, it is steadfastly a static film, nailed to a platform. With Robert Downey, Jr., Patricia Clarkson, Frank Langella, Jeff Daniels. 2005.

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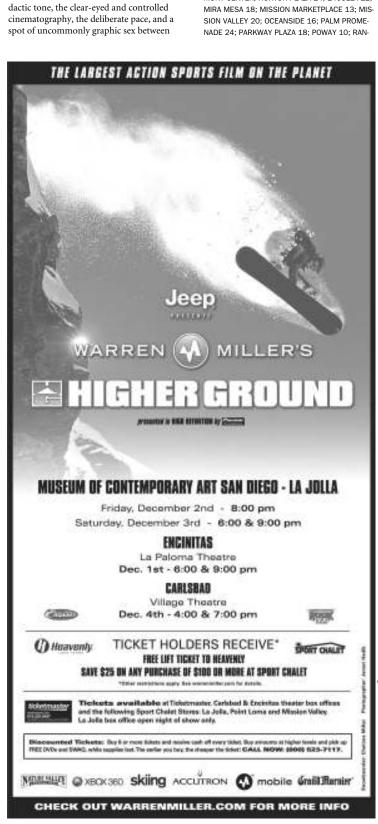
A History of Violence — Further unpleasantness from the always unpleasant David Cronenberg. Despite the pretentious-sounding title, this is in no sense an historical record of violence as a human fundamental (dating back, say, to Cain and Abel, or farther back to the appearance of the monolith among the apes in 2001), but merely a history in the archaic sense of a story, as in H.G. Wells's The History of Mr. Polly, and also in the sense of a past: a violent story, that is, about a man with a history of violence. More exactly, the bloody chain of events unleashed when the familyman proprietor (Viggo Mortensen) of the Main Street diner in Small Town, U.S.A., is forced to fight back against two homicidal psychopaths at his lunch counter. The unpleasantness on this occasion consists, not atypically for Cronenberg, in some gratuitous gore - stomach-turning makeup effects for a bullet through the top of the head, a nose pounded up into a skull, etc. — as well as in the oppressive mood of ominousness and dread. The latter is quite admirably achieved, especially in view of the conventionality of the plot: the past catching up with a retired killer, a staple of the American action film, whether Western or contemporary crime thriller. Through such devious means as the sedate and didactic tone, the clear-eyed and controlled cinematography, the deliberate pace, and a

happily marrieds, the film feels unconventional, feels unpredictable. And it makes good use of William Hurt's widely recognized looniness for an unexpectedly funny climax, notwithstanding the expected gore. (Beyond unexpectedly funny, it may be self-defeatingly funny.) The ultimate purpose of the thing — the unique distinction of the thing — comes down to precisely those sources of unpleasantness and nothing more: the gratuitous gore and the feeling of unconventionality. But the unconventionality, such as it is, proves to be just a feeling rather than a fact: it tends to evaporate rapidly at the curtain. (One recommended point of reference would be Richard Fleischer's perfectly conventional yet subtly subversive Violent Saturday, 1955, where the celebration of the smalltown family man who foils the big-city bad guys, with an assist from the pitchfork of an Amish pacifist, is as ambiguous as you please.) And the gore is simply too splashy for its own good. With Maria Bello, Ed Harris. 2005.

★ (GASLAMP 15)

The Ice Harvest — Reviewed this issue. With John Cusack, Billy Bob Thornton, Connie Nielsen, and Oliver Platt; directed by Harold Ramis.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8: ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSS-MONT CENTER: HORTON PLAZA 14: LA JOLLA 12: SION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROME-



### Calendar Movies

CHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

In the Mix — R&B singer Usher stars in a romantic crime comedy directed by Ron Underwood.

(CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; FASHION
VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON
PLAZA 14; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16;
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POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SAN
MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

**Jarhead** — The Gulf War through the eves of Marine Pfc Anthony Swofford (a somewhat desensitized Jake Gyllenhaal), on whose memoir the script is based. Fundamentally this is a lot of old stuff made over for a new war, a new era, a new age in filmmaking. Which means, whatever else it means, a bleached-out image, long before we're under the desert sun; a compact disc's worth of golden oldies; a crutchlike dependence on first-person voice-over; a surplus of four-letter words; a bluntness in the depiction of piss, shit, puke; a nose-rubbing focus on the physical, the palpable, and a blindness to what we might blushingly call the spiritual; a spotlight, taking its cue from the recreational screening of Apocalypse Now at Camp Pendleton, on the absurdity, the futility, the brutality, the insanity. (John Ford's alternative view of the military is "wrong" in the sense that a derby hat is "wrong," the fashion sense.) While the commitment to the material is never in question, while the effort is never less than intense, the details that might make the old seem fresh again are only occasional: the hard-ass drill instructor who compels the new enlistee to "blow" reveille without the aid of a trumpet, and then for an encore Stevie Wonder's "You Are the Sunshine of My Life"; or the Wall-of-Shame at the base of operations in Kuwait, a bulletin board of faithless wives and girlfriends, the Dear John correspondents, back home. Those sorts of details grow thicker the closer the movie gets to the front line: the horrific tableau of charred bodies and vehicles frozen in flight; the black rain; the oilslicked stray horse; the plumes of flame



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from the burning wells. In the final tally it doesn't add up to much. With Peter Sarsgaard, Jamie Foxx, and Chris Cooper; directed by Sam Mendes. 2005.

★ (ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VAL-LEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RAN-CHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; VISTA VIL-

Just Friends — Broad comedy about a high-school fatso who slims down to become a callous Casanova in adulthood. Unlike him, the humor never slims down, remains broad throughout; heavy; clumsy; lazy. With Ryan Reynolds, Amy Smart, Anna Faris, and Chris Klein; directed by Roger Kumble. 2005.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCON-DIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VAL- LEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

King Kong — The 1933 original by Merian C. Cooper and Ernest B. Schoedsack (gorilla by Willis O'Brien) about the mammoth jungle beast brought back, in harness, to sophisticated Manhattan, where it throws a fit and gets pounded into the pavement for its natural impulses. The film has been matched in situation and certainly in special effects, and it retains its kingly status because of, more than anything else, its up-front place in the chronological line. Bruce Cabot, Fay Wray.

 $\star\star\star$  (LA JOLLA MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART, 12/7, 7 P.M.)

**King of the Corner** — Low-key, lifesized little indie, adapted from Gerald Shapiro's *Bad Jews and Other Stories*, marks the feature directing debut of Peter Riegert, the likable leading man (if more often a supporting man) of such cherishables as Local Hero and Crossing Delancey. He is the leading man here as well, and still likable, as a too-nice travelling pitchman ("Why do I have to be the prick? I don't want to be the prick"), showing the ropes to a young corporate backstabber while test-marketing a telephone voice-transformer for making timorous old ladies sound like Gregory Peck. In his home life, he has to contend with a prodding Italian wife (well, Isabella Rossellini, anyway), a typical handful of a teenage daughter (Ashley Johnson), and a shrinking father in a wheelchair out in Arizona (Eli Wallach: "Another six months, I'll be the size of a peanut"). The protagonist goes a bit off the rails after running into the object of his old high-school crush (Beverly D'Angelo), and takes the film with him. An off-the-cuff funeral oration gets him, and it, back on track. With Jake Hoffman, Rita Moreno, Eric Bogosian. 2005.

★★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 12/5, 6:30 P.M.)

self-indulgent, self-congratulatory, and selfmocking pastiche of the private-eye genre, the directorial debut of screenwriter Shane  $Black \ (Lethal \ Weapon, \ The \ Last \ Boy \ Scout,$ Last Action Hero, The Long Kiss Goodnight, in chronological rather than alphabetical order). The hard-boiled first-person narrator, the chronically insouciant Robert Downey, Jr. ("I was tired, I was pissed, I was wetter than Drew Barrymore at a grunge club"), refers to himself as "your narrator," and knows full well he's in a movie. The title is lifted from a collection of Pauline Kael's film criticism, a title lifted in turn from an Italian movie poster. And the chapter headings — "Trouble Is My Business," "The Lady in the Lake," "The Little Sister," "The Simple Art of Murder," "Farewell, My Lovely" — are all titles of works by Raymond Chandler, although it's highly doubtful that anyone knowledgeable enough to recognize them would, in the first place, be susceptible to flattery over such knowledge, or, in the second place, be susceptible to this filmmaker's brand of sophomoric bluster. The touches of black comedy are of slapstick breadth. The decadence scarcely seems subject to further decay. With Michelle Monaghan, Val Kilmer, and Corbin Bernsen. 2005.

• (HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20)

The Legend of Zorro — Zero. The obligatory sequel finds our mid-19th-century Batman in marital trouble, continually called away to fight for California statehood and never able to get away on a vacation with the wife and kid, now ten years old even though it's only seven years since the previous installment. "If you walk out that door," hears the henpecked Fox, "you are not sleeping here tonight!" (Post-9/11, the villain is a foreigner, French in origin, with a secret lab of WMDs.) The camera cannot seem to get close enough to the two stars. Antonio Banderas and Catherine Zeta-Jones, and within the first half-hour it goes over the limit of allowable dollies from medium closeup to closeup or from closeup to extreme closeup. The copy of the famous shot from *Cat Ballou* of the drunken horse and rider held up by a wall would alone be grounds to flunk the film for plagiarism. With Adrian Alonso, Rufus Sewell, and Nick Chinlund; directed by Martin Campbell. 2005.

• (PALM PROMENADE 24; VOGUE)

Naked in Ashes — India's holy men, the yogis, in their own words, but in the voices of English dubbers. There are at present thirteen million of them (a dying breed, according to one), and video documentarist Paula Fouce can focus on only a small handful, principally Shiv Raj Giri, chosen for authenticity and regarded with something near reverence. Cultural differences lighten the tone, nonetheless: "No penis control, no good holy man." 2005.

★ (KEN, THROUGH 12/1; LA JOLLA VILLAGE.

★ (KEN, THROUGH 12/1; LA JOLLA VILLAGE FROM 12/2)

**The Passenger** — To begin at the end: the renowned seven-minute single-take represents a merge, of sorts, of the basic camera movements of two Michael Snow experiments, Wavelength and La Region Centrale, plus a bit of extra hocus-pocus at the precise point of the merge. But whereas Snow's camera movements each had the virtue of defining the shape of the film as a whole, Antonioni's maneuver, something to stumble over, sticks out spectacularly from the overall surface of his placid, cryptic suspense story. The didactic script by Mark Peploe and Peter Wollen has to do with an uncommitted journalist who switches identities, when the opportunity presents itself, with a corpse in the adjacent hotel room. The corpse turns out to be a gunrunner involved in the insurrection the journalist is covering, and the latter, suddenly transformed from impartial onlooker





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to imperiled participant, keeps the appointments somewhat imprudently listed in the dead man's datebook and bluffs his way through a ridiculous rendezvous in a German church with an African revolutionary, who flips through some Xeroxed illustrations of firearms and muses aloud, "A pity about the anti-aircraft guns." The actors seem unsure how they are to play their roles and to say their loaded lines ("I prefer men to landscapes." "I never used to notice coincidence; now I see it all around me"); and their insecurity is catching. Among the certainties of this movie; some fine color work, some striking images, some sophisticated sound effects. With Jack Nicholson and Maria Schneider. 1975.

★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 12/1)

Pride and Prejudice — By this time the Jane Austen novel qualifies as a repertory piece, a mettle-test for would-be Darcys and Elizabeth Bennets, little different from Romeo and Iuliet. The team behind the present production of it, apart from their attempt to replace the titular conjunction with a dashing ampersand, earn no points for imagination or courage in finding their way to so trafficky a corner of the library. (Can no one, for a change, find his way to the shelf of Thomas Love Peacock? George Meredith?) And the prospect of again sitting through the machinations of the author's mating game (match four from Column A to four from Column B) sounds quite tedious in advance. Nevertheless, the filmmakers have not failed to make it involving. Austen herself made it hard for them to fail, as long as they stuck close to the text. Joe Wright, a British TV director in his feature debut, certainly did more than his share to gum up the works, with an anemic, coarse-grained image and a lot of mushy telephoto camerawork: a pale substitute for the MGM sheen of 1940. And Matthew MacFadyen makes a dull Darcy, a blank, more stuporous than brooding, a kind of waxwork Stan Laurel. Any doubts however, as to the star potential of Keira Knightley — and after the likes of Domino and The Jacket and King Arthur, how could there not have been doubts? - are decisively routed. She may be too pretty for Elizabeth, she may be too young, but she is just sufficiently feisty, just sufficiently fiery, without being too and too. It's a tightrope she walks, and she keeps perfect balance. Two old pros, Brenda Blethyn and Judi Dench, bring solid support as two very dissimilar women, the high-strung Mrs. Bennet and the haughty Lady de Bourgh. Any well-bred young woman who can endure the one on a daily basis and stand up to the other in a moment of crisis must be made of stern stuff. Donald Sutherland, Rosamund Pike, Jena Malone, Tom Hollander. 2005.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: ENCINITAS 8: ESCON-DIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24: PARKWAY PLAZA 18: RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15: SAN MARCOS 18: TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

**Prime** — An older-woman-younger-man affair, stickier than normal because the older woman's therapist happens also to be the younger man's mother. The therapist/mother, a bespectacled, beanbaggy Meryl Streep, is the only one of the three who sees the whole picture, who knows that her twenty-three-year-old son, Bryan Greenberg, has become romantically involved with her divorced thirty-seven-yearold client, Uma Thurman. (Ouite a longshot coincidence even in a town the size of Albany, never mind New York City. Still a longer shot: they meet in the queue of an Antonioni bill.) The therapist herself has been a step slow to catch on, since her client at first fudges the age of the younger man as twenty-seven, while her son fudges the age of the older woman as also twentyseven. The truth, once it dawns, puts the therapist in a ticklish position, wanting to maintain a supportive professional relationship with her client, while not wanting her son to throw himself away on a clockticking shiksa. Somehow the tickles never reach the spectator. Streep, working with a muted New York accent, has plenty of good ideas about the demeanor, the posture, the

wardrobe of an East Side psychologist, and she has a wealth of facial expression with which to compensate for the self-conscious cuteness, the unnaturalness, the flatness of the dialogue (written by Ben Younger, who also directed). Even were the dialogue snappier, the busyness, the fussiness, of Streep's performance would be sure to play hell with any rhythm. Whenever she's off screen, however, and hers is the smallest of the three leading roles, you yearn for someone to play a little hell. 2005.

★ (LA JOLLA 12)

Protocols of Zion — Marc Levin's documentary on anti-Semitism in the post-9/11 world.

(KEN, 12/2 THROUGH 8)

Rent — Reviewed this issue. With Rosario Dawson, Anthony Rapp, Jess L. Martin, Wilson Jermaine Heredia, Idina Menzel, and Taye Diggs; directed by Chris Columbus.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CEN-TER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12: MIRA MESA 18: MISSION MARKET PLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROME NADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RAN-CHO DEL REY 16: RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15: SAN MARCOS 18: TOWN SOUARE 14: VISTA VILLAGE)

Sarah Silverman: Jesus Is Magic -

This video concert film, directed by Liam Lynch, gives the moviegoer a ticket to the titular comic's stand-up routine, or onewoman off-Broadway show if you prefer. The coy prologue and epilogue with two other actors, and the intermittent cutaways for illustrational fantasies and flashbacks (with costume changes and hair re-dos), do not make the stage act into much more of a film. If it has little interest as cinema, however, it has plenty of it as comedy. The selfdescribed "sassy and brassy" comedian, one of the less illuminating participants in The Aristocrats, proves herself fearless, reckless, heedless, and utterly un-PC in pursuit of her limited goals, extracting laughs, extinguishing illumination. "The best time to have a baby is when you're a black teenager." "By 'retarded' I mean 'they can do *anything*'." "When God gives you AIDS — and God does give you AIDS, by the way — make lemonAIDS." And so on. Naughty, yes. Dirty, yes. Yet she's an adept actress insofar as her deadpan proclaims a certain innocence, while the malicious gleam in her eye belies it. She is also, for her purposes, an adept writer. Through her sudden, unsettling changes in perspective and scale (e.g., 9/11 was doubly "devastating" for her, personally, not just in watching the Towers go down but in finding out just beforehand the number of calories in her daily latte), you never quite know where you stand with her. It's best to be sitting down. 2005.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18)

**Shopgirl** — The classic romantic triangle. older man, younger woman, young man. The older man is the immaculately groomed, impeccably tailored Steve "Suave" Martin (author of the original novella as well as its adapter to the screen), who glides up to the glove counter at Saks, follows the salesgirl's advice on a purchase, then sends it to her home address as a gift along with a dinner invitation, entering her world almost as a fairy godfather to show her a life of luxury whenever he's in town



#### **ALEX MARTINEZ**

UCSD senior and staff trainer, Landmark's La Jolla Village Cinemas

First, there's the two-disc collector's edition of Stealth starring Josh Lucas, Jessica Biel, and Jamie Foxx. What could better accompany the worst movie of the year than commentary from the people who made it?

Next, from France, is Amélie. I have a sensitive side and her name is Audrey Tautou.

And, finally, Benny Hill's Golden Classics. The BBC TV series has lecherous old men, scantily clad women, and a really old guy. Oh. and there's the little fact that Benny Hill is all kinds of fantastic.

STEALTH (USA) 2005, Columbia Tristar

List price: \$28.95 (two discs)

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Masterworks of the German Horror Cinema includes Der Golem. The Cabinet Of Dr. Caligari, and Nosferatu. The 12page booklet contains artwork and extensive liner notes. These films were a personal inspiration for me choosing to work in the film industry.

The deluxe edition of Stand by Me includes an isolated music score and a Ben E. King music video among other features.

I played The Fifth Element as a midnight show earlier this year. To my knowledge, I'm the first person to give it a midnight show. It was a huge success. This film has great action, fabulous comedy, beautiful visuals, wonderful music, and an excellent collection of stars. This DVD includes hours of great bonus material.

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This Is Spinal Tap, the first real "mockumentary," is as funny now as when it premiered 20 years ago. The DVD has a hilarious commentary that adds an additional layer of absurdity to an already absurd film.

David Cronenberg's Naked Lunch is less an adaptation of William S. Burroughs's ostensibly unfilmable novel than an imagining of Burroughs's experience writing it. The DVD contains selections of the novel read by the author as well as a theatrical trailer with Burroughs ruminating about the wisdom of Hollywood making a movie of his once widely condemned work.

In House of Cards Trilogy, Ian Richardson gives a tour de force performance as a British minister with high ambitions in this polished gem. Never have Machiavellian politics been so adroitly presented.

THIS IS SPINAL TAP: SPECIAL EDITION (USA) 1984. MGM Home Entertainment

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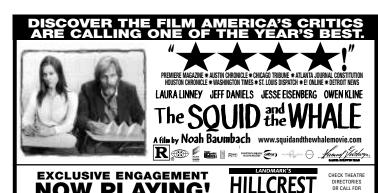
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on business, and to turn her head from the unkempt, maladroit young man, the very hairy Jason Schwartzman, who always needs to borrow a couple of dollars on a date. The latter spends most of the movie as a roadie on tour with a rock band, transforming himself through books-on-tape to the point where he could pass at the end as a bargain-basement gigolo. Claire Danes, the woman in the middle, puts a lot of reacting into her acting, a wide-eyed Goldilocks who approaches any bowl of porridge with utmost caution and suspicion, and tastes it with total concentration. The relationships manifest some amusingly out-of-step interactions and offbeat timings, but this slender, mannerly, neat-andtidy little movie, ushered along by a minimalist trancelike musical score, is more a meditation than a comedy, or a romance, with a sadder-but-wiser moral delivered oddly in third-person voice-over by Martin, whose aura of detachment at last edges up to clinical dissociation. Directed by Anand Tucker. 2005.

★ (FLOWER HILL 4: HILLCREST CINEMAS: LA JOLLA VILLAGE; LA PALOMA, FROM 12/2)

The Squid and the Whale relationship film. Parents and children husband and wife, brother and brother, in the main, but supplementarily wife and lover, male professor and female student, older boy and new girlfriend, among others. The uncommon specificity as to time and place and cultural milieu - 1986. Brooklyn, the bourgeois intelligentsia — is to some extent a limiting factor but more so an animating factor. These people live and breathe. (Or, in view of the time, lived and breathed.) The parents, the husband and wife, are respectively a has-been "serious" novelist, now a musty academic, and a soon-to-be first novelist, presently excerpted in The New Yorker, and to make matters worse the wife's wing-spreading encompasses an occasional affair. When the couple try a joint-custody separation, the older boy sides with his aggrieved father, while the younger boy, barely into puberty, sides with his mother. Though well played by the sagely bearded Jeff Daniels, with his outer show of cultivation and his undertow of savagery, the character of the father is seen as a bit of a caricature; and though likewise well played by the cosmetic-free Laura Linney, the mother is seen more distantly, less distinctly. But the characters of the children are unqualified successes, especially the older one, whose age, by no mere coincidence, closely matches that of writerdirector Noah Baumbach at that same period. The hunched shoulders, the sniffy nose, the sleepy eyes, the shrugging speech of Jesse Eisenberg capture perfectly the role-playing pretentiousness of the young,





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and the damning details of intellectual laziness all throughout the script complete the portrait. The younger brother, played under a cloud of moroseness (with passing squalls) by Owen Kline, registers as a total original, a self-proclaimed philistine, after careful consideration of Dad's disdainful definition ("Someone who doesn't care about books or interesting films"), and no less pretentious, in his inverted snobbery, than his faux-cultured older brother. This painfully funny film, put simply, is a comedy of character, a human comedy. And while the filmmaking itself is nothing special, the not too jiggly hand-held camera does achieve, in its positioning and its movement, a sort of natural rapport with the humans, an easy congeniality, a

Frenchified nonchalance. William Baldwin, Anna Paquin. 2005.

★★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Walk the Line — The same line, that would be, as the previous year's Ray, a musical biopic on a recently fallen giant of popular song, C&W instead of R&B, Johnny Cash instead of Ray Charles, two years dead instead of mere months, but the same backstage tale of early poverty and tragedy, meteoric ascent, marital discord, drug abuse, salvation. Fewer people this time, in describing Joaquin Phoenix's impersonation of the Man in Black, will be inclined to link the adjective "uncanny" to the noun "likeness." Though he has obviously studied hard for the part, copying the horselike head-toss and breaststroker's airgulp in performance on stage, he lacks both the stature and the weight: a sort of Cash shortage. It doesn't help that his singing (separate from his head-tossing and airgulping) is of dog-howling caliber. Reese

Witherspoon's June Carter — a ten-yearold voice on the radio in Cash's cottonpicking childhood, a touring mate in the mid-Fifties along with Jerry Lee, Buddy, and Elvis, and finally his second wife in the late-Sixties, when the movie ends — dances rings around him. And sings them, too. With Ginnifer Goodwin and Robert Patrick; directed by James Mangold. 2005. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CIN-ERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14: LA COSTA 6: LA JOLLA 12: MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MIS-SION VALLEY 7: MISSION VALLEY 20: OCEAN SIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18: POWAY 10: RANCHO DEL REY 16: RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

The Weather Man — An ungifted Chicago TV personality ("My job's very easy, two hours a day, basically reading prompts"), accustomed to getting pelted on the street with fast-food items thrown by passing motorists, shoulders a number of private-life burdens: a Pulitzer Prize-winning father dying of lymphoma before the fortyish son has a chance to impress him (the mother, though alive and well, scarcely merits a glance); an ex-wife who has already found herself a new man; a teenage son in rehab, with a homosexual predator for his drug counselor; and an overweight daughter whose form-fitting clothes in the crotch area have earned her the nickname of "Camel-Toe" (an educational montage illustrates the phenomenon). But his overriding concern is frankly himself. It's significant that the movie opens with our mopey protagonist gazing at himself in the mirror, and significant, too, that it tells so much of its story in the form of his first-person narration. One stream-of-consciousness passage, not really narration but interior monologue, almost makes the whole thing worthwhile: a flashback to the time he was

sent to the deli to pick up some tartar sauce with a to-go order. He starts out with a clear focus on his assignment ("Tartar sauce, tartar sauce, tartar sauce, tartar sauce ..."), but the sight of a shapely bottom in a pair of blue jeans at the crosswalk sets him off on a free-associative riff that takes his mind a long way from a condiment. Nicolas Cage, distancing himself from his action-hero persona, plays the part as a classic sadsack with glimmers of existentialist awareness, and he never remotely looks like someone who would have caught the eye of the network for a milliondollar job on Bryant Gumbel's morning show. His director, Gore Verbinski, ensures he won't look like that with an overcast image that appears to encase him in tinted or frosted glass. Michael Caine, Hope Davis, Gemmenne de la Peña, Nicholas Hoult.

★ (GASLAMP 15)

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#### **CENTRAL CLAIREMONT**

#### **Town Square 14**

ont Drive (858-274-1234) **Aeon Flux** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:50, 3:20) 5:35, 7:55, 10:10: Chicken Little (G) Fri.,-Sun. (12:30, 2:45) 4:55, 7:05, 9:30; **Derailed** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 8:00, 10:30; Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:00, 1:00, 3:30) 4:30, 7:00, 8:15, 10:25; **In the Mix** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:15, 2:50) 5:20, 7:40, 9:55; **Just Friends** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (1:30) 4:35, 7:50, 10:15; Pride and Prejudice (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (1:20) 4:20, 7:10, 10:00; Rent (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:25) 4:10, 7:30, 10:25; The Ice Harvest (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:55, 3:05) 5:15, 7:25, 9:35; The Legend of Zorro (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (1:05) 4:25, 7:15, 10:05; Walk the Line (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:35, 1:10) 4:15, 4:45, 7:15, 8:05, 10:20; Yours, Mine, and Ours (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (12:45, 2:55) 5:25, 7:35, 9:45; **Zathura** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (12:05, 2:40)

#### **DOWNTOWN**

#### Gaslamp 15

701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400)
A History of Violence (R) Fri.,-Sat. (2:40) :20, 7:55, 10:35 Sun. (2:40) 5:20, 7:40, 10:00; Derailed (R) Fri.,-Sat. (2:05) 4:45, 7:20, 10:00 Sun. (2:05) 4:45, 7:20, 9:55; Get Rich or Die Tryin' (R) Fri.,-Sat. (2:30) 5:15, 8:00, 10:35 Sun. (2:30) 5:15, 7:55, 10:30; Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (1:30, 2:35, 3:20) 4:15, 5:05, 6:15, 7:00, 7:45, 8:45, 9:40, 10:30 Sun. (1:30, 2:35, 3:20) 4:15, 5:05, 6:15, 7:00, 7:45, 8:45, 9:40, 10:25; **In Her** Shoes (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (1:40) 7:35; North Country (R) Fri.,-Sun. 4:40, 10:25; Pride and Prejudice (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (1:35) 4:35, 7:25, 10:20; **Saw II** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (2:55) 5:35, 8:05, 10:20 Sun. (2:55) 5:35, 8:05, 10:15; **The Weather Man** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (2:45) 5:25, 7:50, 10:15 Sun. (2:45) 5:25, 7:50, 10:10; **Yours**, Mine, and Ours (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (1:50, 3:00) 4:30, 5:30, 7:30, 8:20, 9:55 Sun. (1:50, 3:00) 4:30, 5:30, 7:30, 8:20, 9:50; Zathura (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (2:10, 3:10) 4:50, 5:40, 7:15, 8:10,

Horton Plaza 14 Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM) **Aeon Flux** (PG-13) Fri. (10:35, 11:25, 1:00, 1:50, 3:30, 4:20) 6:45, 7:15, 9:25, 10:05 Sat.,-Sun. (10:35, 11:25, 1:00, 1:50, 3:30) 4:20, 6:45, 7:15, 9:25, 10:05; **All That I Need** (R) Fri. (2:00, 4:10) 7:45, 9:55 Sat.,-Sun. (2:00) 4:10, 7:45, 9:55; **Chicken Little** (G) Fri. (11:30, 1:50, (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:30, 1:50) 4:15; In the A (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (10:20, 1:20, 3:50) 6:35, 9:00; Jarhead (Not Rated) Fri. (10:05, 1:25) 4:15, 7:05, 9:55 Sat.,-Sun. (10:05, 1:25) 4:15 4:15) Sat., -Sun. (11:30, 1:50) 4:15; In the Mix 9:00; **Jarhead** (Not Rated) Fri. (10:05, 1:25, 4:15) 7:05, 9:55 Sat.,-Sun. (10:05, 1:25) 4:15, 7:05, 9:55; **Just Friends** (PG-13) Fri. (11:00, 1:55, 4:25) 6:45, 9:30 Sat., -Sun. (11:00, 1:55) 4:25, 6:45, 9:30; Kiss Kiss Bang Bang (R) Fri.,-Sun. (10:25, 1:15, 3:45) 6:20, 9:10; PBIFF-Monsieur Renaud/No Pain, No Gain (Not Rated) Sat. 3:00; Rent (PG-13) Fri. (10:15, 11:35, 1:30, 2:35, 4:35) 6:50, 7:40, 9:50, 10:35 Sat. (10:15, 11:35, 1:30) 4:35, 6:50, 7:40, 9:50, 10:35 Sun. (10:15, 11:35, 1:30, 2:35) 4:35, 6:50, 7:40, 9:50, 10:35; The Constant Gardener (R)

Fri., -Sun. 7:00, 10:10; The Ice Harvest (R) Fri. (11:20, 1:40, 4:10) 7:00, 9:20 Sat.,-Sun. (11:20, 1.40) 4.10, 7.00, 9.20; Walk the Line (PG-13) Fri. (10:00, 10:30, 11:15, 1:00, 1:35, 2:30, 4:05, 4:40) 6:30, 7:10, 7:45, 9:45, 10:15, 10:45 Sat.,-Sun. (10:00, 10:30, 11:15, 1:00, 1:35, 2:30) 4:05, 4:40, 6:30, 7:10, 7:45, 9:45, 10:15, 10:45

#### LA JOLLA

#### La Jolla 12

8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262) Aeon Flux (PG-13); Chicken Little (G); Derailed (R); Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (PG-13); Jarhead (Not Rated); Just Friends (PG-13); Prime (PG-13); Rent (PG-13); The Ice Harvest (R); Walk the Line (PG-13); Yours, Mine, and Ours (PG)

**La Jolla Village** 8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236) Bee Season (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (2:00) 7:10; Good Night, and Good Luck (PG) Fri. (2:45, 5:00) 7:20, 9:30 Sat.,-Sun. (12:30) 2:45, 5:00, 7:20, 9:30; **Naked in Ashes** (Not Rated) Fri. (4:30) 9:40 Sat.,-Sun. (11:30) 4:30, 9:40; **Pride** and **Prejudice** (PG) Fri. (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00 Sat.,-Sun. (1:00) 4:00, 7:00, 10:00; Shop-(11:50) 2:20, 4:50, 7:30, 9:50

#### MIRA MESA

#### Mira Mesa 18

10733 Westview Parkway (858-635-7700) Call theater for program information

#### **MISSION VALLEY**

#### Fashion Valley 18

7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262) Aeon Flux (PG-13); Chicken Little (G); Derailed (R); Get Rich or Die Tryin' (R); Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (PG-13); In the Mix (PG-13); Jarhead (Not Rated); Just Friends (PG-13); Pride and Prejudice (PG); Rent (PG-13); Sarah Silverman: Jesus Is Magic (Not Rated); Saw II (R); The Ice Harvest (R); Walk the Line (PG-13); Yours, Mine, and Ours (PG); Zathura (PG)

#### Mission Valley 7

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841) **Chicken Little** (G) Fri. 10:00 (12:00, 2:00, 4:00) 6:00, 8:00, 10:00 Sat.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:00, 2:00, 4:00) 6:00, 8:00, 10:00; **Derailed** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 9:45; **Harry Potter and the Goblet** of Fire (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 9:45 (11:30, 1:00, 3:00, 4:15) 6:30, 7:30, 10:45; Pride and Preju**dice** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; **Rent** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:45 (1:45, 4:45) 7:45, 10:45; **Walk the Line** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15; **Yours**, Mine, and Ours (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00, 9:30

#### Mission Valley 20

1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262) Aeon Flux (PG-13); Chicken Little (G); Derailed (R); First Descent (PG-13); Get Rich or Die Tryin' (R); Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (PG-13); In the Mix (PG-13); Jarhead (Not Rated); Just Friends (PG-13); Kiss Kiss Bang Bang (R); Pride and Prejudice (PG); Rent (PG-13); Saw II (R); The Ice Harvest (R); Walk the Line (PG-13); Yours, Mine, and Ours (PG); Zathura (PG)

#### STATE UNIVERSITY

#### Cinerama 6

5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990) Aeon Flux (PG-13) Fri. (2:45) 5:10, 7:40. 10:00 Sat. (12:30, 2:45) 5:10, 7:40, 10:00 Sun. (12:30, 2:45) 5:10, 7:40; **Chicken Little** (G)

4:40, 7:15, 9:15 Sun. (12:15, 2:35) 4:40, 7:15; Get Rich or Die Tryin' (R) Fri. (2:30) 5:15, 7:50, 10:25 Sat. (12:05, 2:50) 5:15, 7:50, 10:25 Sun. (12:05, 2:50) 5:15, 7:50; **Harry Potter and** the Goblet of Fire (PG-13) Fri. (3:15) 7:00, 10:20 Sat. (12:00, 3:30) 7:00, 10:20 Sun. (12:00, 3:30) 7:00; In the Mix (PG-13) Fri. (3:00) 5:20, 7:55, 10:10 Sat. (12:20, 3:00) 5:20, 7:55, 10:10 Sun. (12:20, 3:00) 5:20, 7:55; **Walk the Line** (PG-13) Fri. (3:30) 7:20, 10:15 Sat. (1:00) 4:15, 7:20, 10:15 Sun. (1:00) 4:15, 7:20

4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236) Protocols of Zion (Not Rated) Fri. (5:15) 7:30, 9:45 Sat.,-Sun. (3:00) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45

#### **UPTOWN**

#### **Garden Cabaret**

4040 Goldfinch Street (619-295-4221) Call theater for program information

#### **Hillcrest Cinemas**

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)
Capote (R) Fri. (1:55, 4:30) 7:10, 9:45
Sat.,-Sun. (11:20) 1:55, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45; Good Night, and Good Luck (PG) Fri. (2:20, 4:45) 7:00, 9:30 Sat .-Sun (12:00) 2:20, 4:45, 7:00, 9:30; **Shopgirl** (R) Fri. (2:10, 4:55) 7:30, 10:00 Sat.,-Sun. (11:40) 2:10, 4:55, 7:30, 10:00; The **Dying Gaul** (R) Fri. (2:00, 4:40) 7:20, 9:50 Sat.,-Sun. (11:30) 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 9:50; The Squid and the Whale (R) Fri. (2:30, 4:55) 7:35, 9:35 Sat., -Sun. (11:50) 2:30, 4:55, 7:35,

#### Reuben H. Fleet Science Center

1875 El Prado, Balhoa Park (619-238-1233) Mystery of the Nile (Not Rated) Fri. 1:00, 4:00, 8:00 Sat. 12:00, 2:00, 5:00, 8:00 Sun. 12:00, 2:00, 5:00; Mystic India (Not Rated) Fri. 12:00, 2:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00 Sat. 11:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:00 Sun. 11:00, 1:00, 4:00, 6:00; Santa vs. The Snowman (Not Rated) Fri. 3:00, 6:00 Sat. 10:00, 3:00, 6:00 Sun. 3:00

#### **EAST COUNTY**

#### **EL CAJON**

**Parkway Plaza 18** 405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456) **Aeon Flux** (PG-13) Fri. (11:30, 12:00, 2:00, 2:30, 4:30, 5:00) 7:00, 7:30, 9:30, 10:00 Sat.,-Sun. (11:30, 12:00, 2:00, 2:30) 4:30, 5:00, 7:00, 7:30, 9:30, 10:00; **Chicken Little** (G) Fri. (12:30, 2:45, 5:00) 7:15, 9:30 Sat.,-Sun. (12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (PG-13) Fri. (10:00, 11:15, 11:45, 12:15, 12:50, 1:35, 2:50, 3:20, 3:50, 4:25, 5:10) 7:00, 8:00, 8:45, 10:30 Sat.,-Sun. (10:00, 11:15, 11:45, 12:15, 12:50, 1:35, 2:50, 3:20, 3:50) 4:25, 5:10, 7:00, 8:00, 8:45, 10:30; **In the Mix** (PG-13) Fri. (11:40, 2:10, 4:40) 7:10, 9:40 Sat.,-Sun. (11:40, 2:10) 4:40, 7:10, 9:40; **Jar**head (Not Rated) Fri. (11:30, 2:20, 5:10) 8:00, 10:50 Sat.,-Sun. (11:30, 2:20) 5:10, 8:00, 10:50; Just Friends (PG-13) Fri. (11:40, 2:10, 4:40) 7:10, 9:40 Sat., -Sun. (11:40, 2:10) 4:40, 7:10, 9:40; Kiss Kiss Bang Bang (R) Fri.,-Sun. 7:25, 10:05; Pride and Prejudice (PG) Fri. (11:05, 2:00, 4:55) 7:50, 10:45 Sat., -Sun. (11:05, 2:00) 4:55, 7:50, 10:45; **Rent** (PG-13) Fri. (10:30, 1:35, 4:40) 7:45, 10:50 Sat.,-Sun. (10:30, 1:35) 4:40, 7:45, 10:50; **Saw II** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 7:05, 9:50; The Ice Harvest (R) Fri. (11:50, 2:15, 4:40) 7:05, 9:30 Sat.,-Sun. (11:50, 2:15) 4:40, 7:05, 9:30; **Walk the Line** (PG-13) Fri. (10:15, 12:45, 1:30, 3:55, 4:45) 7:15, 8:00, 10:30 Sat.,-Sun. (10:15, 12:45, 1:30, 3:55) 4:45, 7:15, 8:00, 10:30; Yours, Mine, and Ours (PG) Fri.

(12:00, 2:25, 4:50) 7:15, 9:40 Sat.,-Sun. (12:00, 2:25) 4:50, 7:15, 9:40; **Zathura** (PG) Fri. (11:35, 2:10, 4:45) 7:20, 9:55 Sat.,-Sun. (11:35,

#### LA MESA

#### **Grossmont Center**

Grossmont Center (619-465-7100) **Aeon Flux** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (12:00, 2:30) 5:15, 8:00, 10:20 Sun. (12:00, 2:30) 5:15, 8:00, 10:15; **Chicken Little** (G) Fri. (1:10, 3:05) 5:00, 7:00, 9:20 Sat., -Sun. (11:10, 1:10, 3:05) 5:00, 7:00, 9:20; **Derailed** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (12:15, 2:50) 5:20, 7:50, 10:15 Sun. (12:15, 2:50) 5:20, 7:50, 10:10; Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (12:05, 12:55, 3:40) 4:40, 7:10, 8:10, 10:30 Sun. (12:05, 12:55, 3:40) 4:40, 7:10, 8:10, 10:25; **Just Friends** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:25, 2:45) 5:10, 7:30, 9:55; **Rent** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (12:35, 3:55) 7:15, 10:10 Sun. (12:35, 3:55) 7:15, 10:00; The Ice Harvest (R) Fri. (1:25, 3:30) 5:55, 8:20, 10:25 Sat. (11:20, 1:25, 3:30) 5:55, 8:20, 10:25 Sun (11:20, 1:25, 3:30) 5:55, 8:20, 10:20; **Walk the Line** (PG-13) Fri. (1:55) 4:50, 7:40, 10:40 Sat. (11:00, 1:55) 4:50, 7:40, 10:40 Sun. (11:00, 1:55) 4:50, 7:40, 10:30; Yours, Mine, and Ours (PG) Fri. (2:15) 4:30, 7:05, 9:30 Sat.,-Sun. (11:55, 2:15) 4:30, 7:05, 9:30

#### **Grossmont Trolley**

8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401) Bee Season (PG-13) Fri. (1:40) 4:35, 7:00, 9:30 Sat. (11:10, 1:40) 4:35, 7:00, 9:30 Sun. (11:10, 1:40) 4:35, 7:00; Get Rich or Die Tryin' (R) Fri.,-Sat. (2:00) 4:55, 7:30, 10:10 Sun. (2:00) 4:55, 7:30; Good Night, and **Good Luck** (PG) Fri. (1:55) 5:00, 7:25, 9:45 Sat. (11:20, 1:55) 5:00, 7:25, 9:45 Sun. (11:20, 1:55) 5:00, 7:25; Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (PG-13) Fri. (3:00) 6:30, 9:50 Sat. (11:30, 3:00) 6:30, 9:50 Sun. (11:30, 3:00) 6:30; In the Mix (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (1:00, 3:15) 5:30, 7:45, 9:55 Sun. (1:00, 3:15) 5:30, 7:45; **Jarhead** (Not Rated) Fri.,-Sat. 7:15, 10:00 Sun. 7:15; **Pride and Prejudice** (PG) Fri. (1:50) 4:40, 7:35, 10:25 Sat. (11:00, 1:50) 4:40, 7:35, 10:25 Sun. (11:00, 1:50) 4:40, 7:35; **Walk the Line** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (12:50, 3:55) 7:10, 10:05 Sun. (12:50, 3:55) 7:10; **Zathura** (PG) Fri. (2:35) 4:50 Sat.,-Sun. (11:55, 2:35) 4:50

#### **RANCHO SAN DIEGO**

#### Rancho San Diego 15

**Aeon Flux** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:00, 2:30, 5:00) 7:30, 10:00; **Chicken Little** (G) Fri.,-Sun. (12:45, 3:00, 5:20) 7:30, 9:45; **Derailed** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (1:00); **Harry Potter and the Gob** let of Fire (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:45, 12:30, 1:00, 2:30, 3:30, 4:05, 4:30) 6:30, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00, 10:30; **Jarhead** (Not Rated) Fri.,-Sun. (1:15, 4:15) 7:10, 10:15; **Just Friends** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:10, 2:45, 5:15) 7:40, 10:05; **Pride and Prejudice** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (12:35, 3:35) 7:25, 10:25; **Rent** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:40, 3:50) 7:05, 10:15; **The Ice Harvest** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:15, 2:40, 5:25) 7:50, 10:10; **The Legend of Zorro** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 7:35, 10:35; Walk the Line (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:30, 3:40, 4:10) 6:45, 7:15, 9:55, 10:20; Yours, Mine, **and Ours** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:50, 2:15, 4:50) 7:20, 9:50; **Zathura** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (12:20, 2:55, 5:30) 8:00, 10:35

#### **SANTEE**

#### Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447) Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (PG-13) Sun.; Just Friends (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun

#### **SOUTH BAY**

#### **CHULA VISTA**

#### Chula Vista 10

Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214) **Aeon Flux** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:15 (12:45, 3:00) 5:15, 7:45, 10:45; **Chicken Little** (G) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:00, 2:00, 4:00) 6:00, 8:00, 10:00; **Get Rich or Die Tryin'** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 2:30, 5:30, 8:15, 10:45; Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 9:45 (12:00, 1:00, 3:15, 4:15) 6:30, 7:30, 9:45, 10:45; **In the Mix** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:15 (1:30, 3:45) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; **Just Friends** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:00 (1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Rent** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; **Walk the Line** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; **Yours, Mine, and Ours** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; Zathura (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00

#### Palm Promenade 24

770 Dennery Road (858-558-2262) Aeon Flux (PG-13); Chicken Little (G); De- $\begin{array}{l} \textbf{railed} \ (R); \textbf{Get Rich or Die Tryin'} \ (R); \textbf{Good} \\ \textbf{Night, and Good Luck} \ (PG); \textbf{Harry Potter} \\ \end{array}$ and the Goblet of Fire (PG-13); In the Mix (PG-13); Jarhead (Not Rated); Just Friends (PG-13); Pride and Prejudice (PG); Rent (PG-13); Saw II (R); The Ice Harvest (R); The Legend of Zorro (PG); Walk the Line (PG-13); Yours, Mine, and Ours (PG); Zathura (PG)

### Rancho Del Rey 16 East H Street (619-216-4707)

Aeon Flux (PG-13) Fri. (12:05, 2:35, 5:05) 7:35, 10:05 Sat.,-Sun. (12:05, 2:35) 5:05, 7:35, 10:05; **All That I Need** (R) Fri. (2:00, 4:10) 7:40, 9:55 Sat.,-Sun. (2:00) 4:10, 7:40, 9:55; **Chicken Little** (G) Fri. (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:05, 9:15 Sat.,-Sun. (12:15, 2:30) 4:45, 7:05, 9:15; **Derailed** (R) Fri. (1:55, 4:50) 7:50, 10:45 Sat.,-Sun. (1:55) 4:50, 7:50, 10:45; Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (PG-13) Fri. (12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00) 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 10:30 Sat.,-Sun. (12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 3:30, 4:00) 4:30, 5:00, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 10:30; **In the Mix** (PG-13) Fri. (2:00, 4:40) 7:20, 10:00 Sat.,-Sun (2:00) 4:40, 7:20, 10:00; **Jarhead** (Not Rated) Fri.,-Sun. (1:05, 3:55) 7:05, 10:10; **Just Friends** (PG-13) Fri. (11:50, 2:25, 5:10) 7:55, 10:25 Sat.,-Sun. (11:50, 2:25) 5:10, 7:55, 10:25; **PB-IFF-Monsieur Renaud/No Pain, No Gain** (Not Rated) Sat. 3:00; **Rent** (PG-13) Fri. (1:15, 4:25) 7:35, 10:40 Sat., -Sun. (1:15) 4:25, 7:35, 10:40; **The Ice Harvest** (R) Fri. (12:35, 3:00, 5:20) 7:45, 10:30 Sat.,-Sun. (12:35, 3:00) 5:20, 7:45, 10:30; **Walk the Line** (PG-13) Fri. (1:25, 4:35) 7:15, 7:40, 10:20, 10:45 Sat., -Sun. (1:25) 4:35, 7:15, 7:40, 10:20, 10:45; **Yours, Mine, and Ours** (PG) Fri. (12:45, 3:05, 5:25) 7:45, 10:00 Sat. (12:45) 5:25, 7:45, 10:00 Sun. (12:45, 3:05) 5:25, 7:45, 10:00

#### Vogue

226 3rd Avenue (619-425-1436) Dreamer (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 12:00, 6:15; The Fog (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 4:15, 10:30; The Legend of Zorro (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 1:45, 8:00

#### **IMPERIAL BEACH**

#### South Bay Drive In

2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727) Chicken Little (G) Fri.,-Sun. 7:30, 11:45; Derailed (R) Fri.,-Sun. 7:30, 11:40; Get Rich or Die Tryin' (R) Fri.,-Sun. 9:35; Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun.

flames, a Coast Guard Admiral and a freelance designer, both widowed, reignite in later life, after he has got eight well-drilled children and she's got an anarchic Rainbow Coalition of ten (four biological, six adopted). That's a lot of kids when they all act with sitcom aggressiveness and when the gags mostly derive from the comic prototypes of the banana peel and the cream pie. With Dennis Quaid and Rene Russo (it was Henry Fonda and Lucille Ball in the 1968 version); directed by Raja Gosnell. 2005.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: CHULA VISTA 10: DEL

MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCON-DIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6: LA JOLLA 12: MIRA MESA 18: MISSION MARKETPI ACE 13: MISSION VALLEY 7: MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROME-NADE 24: PARKWAY PLAZA 18: POWAY 10: RAN-CHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Zathura — Relatively speaking, an imaginative children's film (from a book by Chris Van Allsburg, author also of The Polar Express and, more relevantly, Jumanji) about

two battling brothers from a broken home, ages ten and six-and-three-quarters, who find themselves adrift in outer space inside the "creaky" old house of their absent father, after the younger one dusts off a windup board game in the cellar, labelled Zathura, A Space Adventure. (If ever there was an excuse once again to cue the opening bars of Also Sprach Zarathustra, this would have been it: Also Sprach Zathura.) They encounter a hailstorm of meteors, a haywire robot, a marooned astronaut, and a troop of light-seeking, flesh-eating reptiles called Zorgons; and over the course of all

that, they learn brotherhood. The interplanetary house should bring to mind, provided it ever entered your mind, the elegant antique Winsor McCay cartoon, Flying House, from his Dreams of a Rarebit Fiend series. The whole thing, for that matter, fits the definition of "dreamlike," albeit in ways very dissimilar to those of Winsor McCay. The loudness, the violence (nonlethal, nonsanguinary), the tons of special effects, and the dearth of visual skills (Jon Favreau, director) are simply to be endured as conditions of existence in the 21st Century. They are particularly worth enduring for the

cryogenically frozen older sister taking a tumble down the stairs like a toboggan, and, still in one piece, getting lugged back up again like a mannequin. With Jonah Bobo, Josh Hutcherson, Dax Shepard, Kristen Stewart, Tim Robbins. 2005.

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9:00; Yours, Mine, and Ours (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 7:30, 11:05; Zathura (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 9:15

#### **NORTH INLAND CARMEL MOUNTAIN**

#### Carmel Mountain

11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770) **Aeon Flux** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (1:00, 3:25) 5:50, 8:15, 10:40 Sun. (1:00, 3:25) 5:50, 8:15; Chicken Little (G) Fri.,-Sat. (12:25, 2:25) 4:25, 7:00, 9:30 Sun. (12:25, 2:25) 4:25, 7:00; **Dreamer** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (12:20, 2:45) 5:10, 7:35, 10:00 Sun. (12:20, 2:45) 5:10, 7:35; **Good Night, and Good Luck** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (1:00, 3:20) 5:40, 8:00, 10:20 Sun. (1:00, 3:20) 5:40, 8:00: Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (12:15, 1:15, 3:40) 4:40, 7:05, 8:05, 10:30 Sun. (12:15, 1:15, 3:40) 4:40, 7:05, 8:05; **Just Friends** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (12:45, 3:10) 5:35, 8:00, 10:25 Sun. (12:45, 3:10) 5:35, 8:00; Pride and Prejudice (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (1:25) 4:15, 7:30, 10:20 Sun. (1:25) 4:15, 7:30; Rent (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (1:50) 4:45, 7:40, 10:35 Sun. (1:50) 4:45, 7:40: The Ice Harvest (R) Fri.,-Sat. (1:40, 3:50) 6:10, 8:20, 10:30 Sun. (1:40, 3:50) 6:10, 8:20; **Walk the Line** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (1:50) 4:45, 7:40, 10:35 Sun. (1:50) 4:45, 7:40; Yours, Mine, and Ours (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (12:30, 3:05) 5:15, 7:25, 9:35 Sun. (12:30, 3:05) 5:15, 7:25

#### **ESCONDIDO**

#### Escondido 16

350 W. Vallev Parkway (760-291-0119) Call theater for program information

#### **FALLBROOK**

#### Galaxy 6

5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784) Chicken Little (G) Fri. (3:15) 5:15, 7:15, 9:30 Sat. 10:45 (1:00, 3:15) 5:15, 7:15, 9:30 Sun. 10:45 (1:00, 3:15) 5:15, 7:15; **Good Night, and Good Luck** (PG) Fri. (2:45) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45 Sat. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45 Sun. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30; Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (PG-13) Fri. (3:45) 7:00, 10:15 Sat. 12:15 (3:45) 7:00, 10:15 Sun. 12:15 (3:45) 7:00; **Just Friends** (PG-13) Fri. (3:30) 5:45, 8:15, 10:30 Sat. 10:45 (1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 8:15, 10:30 Sun. 10:45 (1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 8:15; Walk the Line (PG-13) Fri. (2:00) 5:00 8:00, 10:45 Sat. 11:00 (2:00) 5:00, 8:00, 10:45 Sun. 11:00 (2:00) 5:00, 8:00; **Yours, Mine, and Ours** (PG) Fri. (3:00) 5:30, 7:45, 10:00 Sat. 10:30 (12:45, 3:00) 5:30, 7:45, 10:00 Sun 10:30 (12:45, 3:00) 5:30, 7:45

#### POWAY

#### Poway 10

13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423) **Aeon Flux** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 10:15 (12:45, 3:00) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15 Sun. 10:15 (12:45, 3:00) 5:15, 7:45; **Chicken Little** (G) Fri.,-Sat. 10:00 (12:00, 2:00, 4:00) 6:00, 8:00, 10:00 Sun. 10:00 (12:00, 2:00, 4:00) 6:00, 8:00; **Derailed** (R) Fri.,-Sat. 1:00, 5:45, 10:15 Sun. 1:00, 5:45; Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 9:45 (12:00, 1:00, 3:15, 4:15) 6:30, 7:30, 9:45, 10:45 Sun. 9:45 (12:00, 1:00, 3:15, 4:15) 6:30, 7:30; In the Mix (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 3:45, 8:30, 10:45 Sun. 3:45, 8:30; **Just Friends** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 10:30 (12:45, 3:15) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Sun. 10:30 (12:45, 3:15) 5:30, 8:00; **Rent** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:45, 10:45 Sun 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:45: The Ice Harvest (R) Fri.,-Sun. 10:45 (3:30) 8:15; Walk **the Line** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15 Sun. 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15; **Yours,** Mine, and Ours (PG) Fri.,-Sat. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15, 9:30 Sun. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15; Zathura (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 11:15

#### **RAMONA**

#### Ramona Twin

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#### **SAN MARCOS**

#### San Marcos 18

1180 West San Marcos Boulevard at Old California Walk (760-471-3711)

**Aeon Flux** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:40, 2:15, 4:50) 7:25, 10:00; **Chicken Little** (G) Fri.,-Sun. (11:20, 1:15, 3:20) 5:45, 8:00, 10:15; **Derailed** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 8:15, 10:50; **First Descent** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:15, 2:05, 4:55) 7:50, 10:35; Good Night, and Good Luck (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 5:50, 8:25; Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (10:30, 11:00, 11:45, 1:05, 2:10, 2:35, 3:30, 4:55) 6:10, 7:00, 9:45, 10:40; **In the Mix** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:35, 2:20, 5:05) 7:25, 10:10; **Jar-head** (Not Rated) Fri. (10:20, 1:20, 4:25) 7:35, 10:30 Sat. (10:20) 7:35, 10:30 Sun. (10:20, 1:20, 4:25) 7:35, 10:30; **Just Friends** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:50, 2:30, 5:00) 7:30, 10:00; **Kiss** Kiss Bang Bang (R) Fri.,-Sun. 6:40, 9:10; PB-IFF-Monsieur Renaud/No Pain, No Gain

(Not Rated) Sat. 3:00; Pride and Prejudice

**Rent** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (10:10, 1:30, 4:40) 7:40, 10:55; **The Ice Harvest** (R) Fri.,-Sun.

(PG) Fri.,-Sun. (10:15, 1:25, 4:35) 7:45, 10:55;

 $(10:00,\,12:25,\,2:50,\,5:10)\;7:40,\,10:05; \textbf{The Legend of Zorro}\;(PG)\;Fri.,\text{-}Sun.\;(10:45,\,1:45$ 4:45) 7:45, 10:50; **Walk the Line** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:30, 1:10, 3:15, 4:20) 6:25, 7:30, 9:35, 10:45; **Yours, Mine, and Ours** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (12:00, 2:25, 4:50) 7:15, 9:40; **Za**thura (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (10:25, 1:00, 4:00)

#### **VISTA**

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#### **DEL MAR**

#### Del Mar Highlands 8

El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420)

Aeon Flux (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 10:30 (12:45, 3:00) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15 Sun. 10:30 (12:45, 3:00) 5:15, 7:45; **Chicken Little** (G) Fri.,-Sat. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00, 9:00 Sun. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30. 4:45) 7:00: Derailed (R) Fri.,-Sun. 1:00, 5:45; Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire

(PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 9:45 (12:00, 1:00, 3:15, 4:15) 6:30, 7:30, 9:45, 10:45 Sun. 9:45 (12:00, 1:00, 3:15, 4:15) 6:30, 7:30; **Just Friends** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 10:30 (12:45, 3:15) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Sun. 10:30 (12:45, 3:15) 5:30, 8:00; **The Ice Harvest** (R) Fri.,-Sat. 10:45 (3:30) 8:15, 10:30 Sun. 10:45 (3:30) 8:15; Walk the Line (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15 Sun. 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15; Yours, Mine, and Ours (PG) Fri.,-Sat. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15, 9:30 Sun. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15

#### Flower Hill 4

2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425) Good Night, and Good Luck (PG) Fri.,-Sat. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30, 10:00 Sun. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30; **Pride and Prejudice** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. 10:45 (1:45, 4:45) 7:45, 10:45 Sun. 10:45 (1:45, 4:45) 7:45: Rent (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 10:00 (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00 Sun. 10:00 (1:00, 4:00) 7:00; **Shopgirl** (R) Fri.,-Sat. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15

#### **ENCINITAS**

#### Encinitas 8

220 North El Camino Real (760-942-5544) Aeon Flux (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 11:50, 2:20, 5:20, 8:00, 10:35 Sun, 11:50, 2:20, 5:20, 8:00; Chicken Little (G) Fri.,-Sat. 12:50, 3:05, 5:30, 7:50, 9:55 Sun. 12:50, 3:05, 5:30, 7:50; Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 11:45, 3:15, 6:50, 10:20 Sun. 11:45, 3:15, 6:50; **Just Friends** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 12:00, 2:30, 5:05, 7:40, 10:15 Sun. 12:00, 2:30, 5:05, 7:40; Pride and Prejudice (PG) Fri.,-Sat. 12:30, 3:35, 6:40, 9:50 Sun. 12:30, 3:35, 6:40; Rent (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 12:40, 4:00, 7:15, 10:25 Sun. 12:40, 4:00, 7:15: Walk the Line (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 1:05, 4:20, 7:30, 10:40 Sun. 1:05, 4:20, 7:30; Yours, Mine, and Ours (PG) Fri.,-Sat. 12:20, 2:45, 5:40, 8:10, 10:30 Sun. 12:20, 2:45, 5:40, 8:10

#### La Paloma

471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-SHOW) **Shopgirl** (R) Fri. 6:15, 8:35 Sat.,-Sun. 4:00,

#### **LA COSTA**

#### La Costa 6

6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga) Chicken Little (G) Fri.,-Sat. 10:00 (12:15,

2:30, 4:45) 7:00, 9:00 Sun. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00; **Good Night, and Good Luck** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. 10:30 (12:45, 3:15) 5:30, 8:00, 10:15 Sun. 10:30 (12:45, 3:15) 5:30, 8:00; **Harry** Potter and the Goblet of Fire (PG-13)

Fri.,-Sat. 9:45 (1:00, 4:15) 7:30, 10:45 Sun. 9:45 (1:00, 4:15) 7:30; **Rent** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 10:45 (1:45, 4:45) 7:45, 10:45 Sun. 10:45 (1:45, 4:45) 7:45; Walk the Line (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15 Sun. 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15; Yours, Mine, and Ours (PG) Fri.,-Sat. 11:15 (1:30, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15, 10:30 Sun. 11:15 (1:30, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15

#### **OCEANSIDE**

#### Mission Marketplace 13

College Boulevard and Mission Avenue (760-806-1790)

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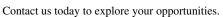
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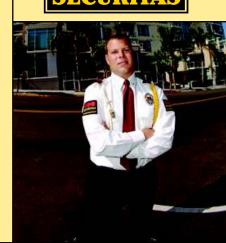
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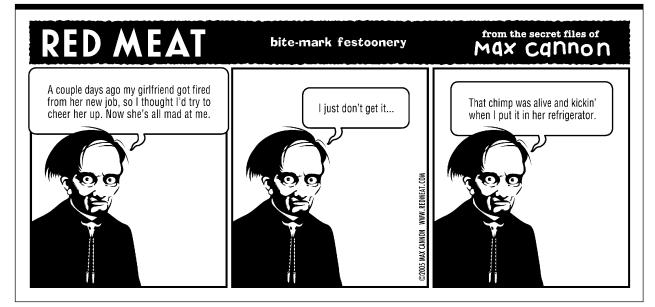
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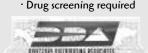


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April Jones Unemployed Hillcrest

No way do I think all addictions are bad. I think some are awesome; like being addicted to the wrong kind of love. There are those bad guys who aren't that good to you; that's the wrong kind of love. I try to stay away from things that could addict me; I don't do hard drugs. I don't like coffee, so I don't drink it. I'm addicted to exercise, happiness, puppies, ice cream, and smoking. Smoking can be a good thing... because I don't smoke cigarettes. Drink tea instead of coffee and light beer instead of hard alcohol because regular beer can be bad for sorority girls; they get beer bellies.



Dennet Dilaseony

Teacher

Downtown

It's not good to be addicted to anything. Some addictions are, of course, worse than others. Not all addictions are bad. The common [bad] ones that you think about [are] addiction to food, addiction to drugs, addiction to any of those substances that harm the body. Pornography can be an addiction; if you are addicted to pornography in the sense that it is robbing you of a happy lifestyle. Addiction has a negative connotation; it's not good to be addicted to anything. You could be an avid reader and love taking in knowledge, but if it robs you of having a happy lifestyle, taking care of your body, taking care of your family, going to work.... I've seen people addicted to reading to the extent that they weren't doing anything.



Kevin Hart

Engineer

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I think the word addiction is over-used. I think heroin addiction is a good example of proper use. Drugs that result in violent physical effects if you stopped using it would be an addiction. It's a misuse of the word. You could use other words to describe what you're getting at. "Addictive personality"...there again just washes that word down, using it in so many contexts that are much less serious I think addiction is a very serious word. Moderation is a good goal in almost everything you do. I'd like to see the word "addiction" used less, but there are other words like genocide that is overused by various political factions to describe others. The word "rape" is used a lot where it's really watered-down. I mean even in actual cases of sexual assault or supposed sexual assault; some extreme feminists believe that anytime a woman is having sex, she's being raped. "Genocide" gets thrown around to describe what we're doing in Iraq, and it's the same kind of thing. where very strong words are overused.



Holly Ramirez

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believe that not all addictions are bad and that the key to any addiction or compulsive disorder is moderation. Too much is too much. To thine own self be true. It's like a scale: weights and balances of life. There's sex anonymous, overeaters anonymous, gamblers anonymous people need to have mind over body. Some people just need help in life. Some want too much and they get too much and that's when they have the problem. I believe everybody is looking for help. I'm addicted to life; I get high on life. Is that a bad thing? Word are words. You only get three things in life: two things you want and one thing you need. You can take the things you want, but you have ask for the things you need.



Scott Michel

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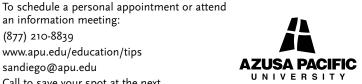
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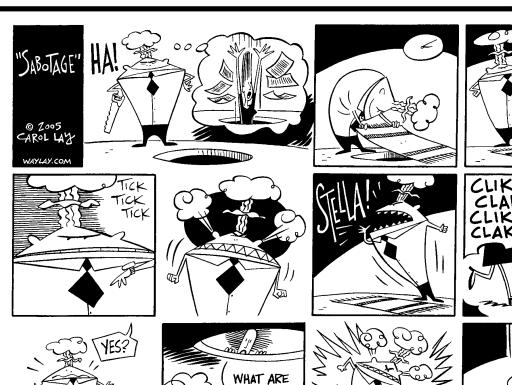
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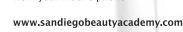




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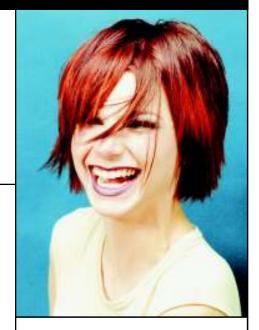
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DIVORCED WITH PROBLEMS. Shared

THE READER PUZZLE

#### Across

- 1. Place for R and R
- 4. Woody Guthrie's "I Ain't \_ Home'
- 9. Skating jumps
- 14. Your and my
- 15. Geeky
- 16. Land in ancient Rome
- Suffix with strict
- 18. Model Gabrielle
- 19. 1983 role reversal film
- 20. It's often punched in 22. Haunted house sounds
- 23. Remove, as a knot
- 24. It may be direct or indirect:
- Abbr. 25. Easygoing
- 26. Pop diva LaBelle
- 28. Trig function
- 30. Grounded Aussie
- 33. Org. with some big guns?
- 35. "And so on ..." 37. Forays
- 41. 1983 World Series champs
- 42. Makes an illegal crossing
- 44. TV prog. with a different host each week
- 45. Metric wts.
- 46. Genoa goodbyes 48. One of the Coen brothers
- 52. Chem. contaminant
- 53. Blanc or Brooks
- 55. Architect Saarinen
- 56. 2005 World Series player
- 59. If you think about it, this word aptly describes 20-Across and 9- and 27-Down
- 61. SeaWorld attraction
- 62. Lexicographer's interest
- 63. French pronoun
- 64. "American Idol" success Clay
- 65. Sees
- 66. Boat-building wood

69. Successor to HST

- 67. Exhausted
- 68. Onlookers
- Down
- 1. Increase the power of, as an engine
- 2. Alpo rival3. "The Origins of Totalitarianism" author
- 4. Wise guy?
- \_\_\_ Time" (1970s musical)
- 6. England watches it
- "Well done!"
- 8. 0 letters
- 9. Bank amenity
- 10. Make a dupe of11. Humorist Bombeck

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- 12. Scientologist Hubbard
- 13. Houston and Neill
- 25. Edward and Norman
- 27. Savings option \_-pitch softball
- 30. Bend shape
- 31. Madonna's role in "A League of Their Own"
- 32. Speech stumbles
- 34. Ignore the script
- 36. Left in a hurry
- 37. H-L connectors
- 38. Bother a lot 39. Guitarist Cooder et al.
- 40. Jamaican music
- "It's rumored ...
- 47. Put under
- 49. Like some arguments 50. The Governator
- 51. "I'm in a rush!"
- 52. Image makers
- 54. Winter Olympian 56. Politico Hutchinson and others
- 57. Use UPS, say 58. Movie shot
- 59. Tending to interrupt, say
- 60. Loch \_\_\_\_ monster

#### RULES OF THE GAME

- 1. The prize for solving the Reader Puzzle will be a Reader T-shirt.
- 2. All entries in the Reader Puzzle contest must be received by the Reader by 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, five days following the issue date (Fax to 619-231-0489 or U.S. Mail to Reader Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803).
- 3. All entries must be accompanied by your name and address.
- 4. Employees of the Reader and their immediate families are not eligible.
- 5. In the event of disputes or ties, decisions of the judges will be final and arbitrary. We've only got five prizes each week to give away, so if there are more than five winners, we'll have a lottery.
- 6. All answers must be entered in the space allowed on the puzzle page. And please, no phone calls or trips to our office.

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7. One entry per person.

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Solution to and winners of the Reader Puzzle for 11/23/05.

Of the 182 entrants, 176 were correct. The winners are:

by David Levinson Wilk

- 1. Bob Ironside, Alpine
- 2. Heide Bajnrauh, San Diego
- 3. David King, San Diego
- 4. Barry Newman, Escondido 5. Stella Bowers, San Diego

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oasandego.org or 619-521-2538.

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PATHWORK DISCUSSION. "Manifesting What You Want, December 8, 2005, 7-9pm, 1221-1/2 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar 92104. Open meeting, no fee, materials available, for more information 619-259-1880.

PATHWORK OF CALIFORNIA. "Grace and Gratitude," December 19, 2005, 7-9pm 4716 32nd Street, San Diego, 92116 Open meeting, no fee, materials avail-able. For more information, call 619-280-9075.

SEX and/or relationship problems? Out of control? You are not alone. Call Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous, a 12-step felowship. PO Box 3791, San Diego 92163 or 619-685-7211 or www.slaa-san-diego. SPENDERS IN RECOVERY meeting of

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Q: Farewell, Pell Mell...next to go, Father Joe?

**Describe** this location, name the nearest cross-streets, and win a Reader T-shirt. E-mail to NameThis Place@SanDiego Reader.com; fax to 619-231-0489; or mail to Reader, Name This Place, Box 85803, San Diego 92186 — include your name and address. (Deadline, Tuesday, 9 a.m. In case of ties, lottery will determine top five winners.)



**THIRD DIMENSION.** Education: Into frying pan: humans, anti-humans, mixed stirred in with assorted bugs, worms

### MATCHES SHARED INTERESTS

**EXERCISE BUDDIES.** White female, 47 looking for exercise buddies around same age, male or female. Meet at 24-Hour Fitness, or walk/bike at beaches. (12/7) \$\oldsymbol{\alpha}\$49729

MATCHES Women SEEKING MEN

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FOR YOU and yours Kind, caring, Caucasian, senior woman always going somewhere. Seeking tall Caucasian, 70+, retired, nonsmoker man. Posible long-term relationship. (12/7)

EUROPEAN EDUCATED, gorgeous petite. Seeking successful, truthful, generous, educated, anti-war, stylish, monogamous, (com)passionate. No baggage man, friendship, sportive. No previous kids, spiritual/nonreligious, 37-49, 59'+ (127) ☎40278 kids, spiritual/nonrel 5'9"+. (12/7) 49278

ATTRACTIVE, 58, BLONDE Widow, with raditional values, love the theatre, concerts, outlings, many hobbies. Seeking single gentleman, 55-65, who loves the arts, nonsmoker, polite. (12/7) 49291

SWEET LOVELY LADY, 67, pretty, fun loving, kind, San Diego South Bay area. Seeking kind, sincere, lighthearted gentleman, 70-78 years, 5'10"+, for long-term relationship. (12/14) 49304

ATTRACTIVE SINGLE MOM. 40. full-figured. Still searching for Caucasian/His-panic man for long-term relationship. Not looking for casual dating or anyone not sincerely interested. (12/14) \$\frac{1}{2}\$

INTEGRITY, HONOR, morals, loyalty, never-married, exotic Polynesian beauty queen, gourmet cook, artist, model, educated, athletic. You: Quality, never-mar-

ried, fit, animal lover, 40-59. (12/14)

BEAUTIFUL, STRIKING blonde, intelli gent, genuine, unique, sophisticated sexy, elegant, glamorous, great figure 47. Desire extremely accomplished, up scale, stable, sincere, single gentleman who appreciates the best. (12/7)

FEMALE, 53, Oceanside location, seeking only Christian male who believeS in the ways of the Bible, for long-time relationship. 5', thin, walks, travel, sincere. (12/7) 49293

ROLLER COASTER ENTHUSIAST. Pretty slender, Caucasian, 40. Desires thrill seeking, clean-cut, fit, young, Caucasian cutie for Magic Mountain, Knotts Berry Farm, Disneyland, etc. Nonsmokers/drinkers. (12/7) 249275

PETITE, HUMOROUS, delicate, caring Japanese. Enjoys classical music and other good music, can cook various dishes. Must be able to live comfortably in San Diego. (12/14) ☎ 49296

NOTHING IS MORE Important from this good looking nice figured lady than to meet 59+ tall gentleman with fun-loving nature and adventurous soul. (12/7) 149285

SENSUAL CHANTEUSE, 43, seeks consort: sexy, successful, self-employed, smoke-free, spiritual, centered, connected, conscious, caring, financially secure, sustainable food/life/love, 30-55. Let's livel (12/7) 249292

AMAZING ALL IN ONE Latina doll. No children, nonsmoker, no drugs. Looking for same healthy no games here, relationship. You: Secure, 35-45 years old. (12/7) \$\frac{1}{27}\$49277

ATTRACTIVE, FIT MOM, 40, 5'7', brown/blue. Movies, tennis, homelife, camping, boardgames. Seeking honest, humorous, attractive Caucasian, nonsmoking gentleman, 31-46, 5'10'+, romonting measurements. mantic, monogamous relationship. 858. (12/14) **3**49307

AFRICAN BEAUTY For love, romance and fun. Mother and friend, 32, sexy, and

mother of 1. Seeks strong, stable white male, 27-45, for relationship. (12/14)

ASIAN, SEXY, SULTRY, healthcare professional, nice legs, curvaceous figure, 5'3", 110lbs., childless, properties owner. Seeking nonsmoker counterpart to explore potential, dentist a plus, 35+, Caucasian. (12/14) 249303

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BEAUTIFUL 47-YEAR-OLD striking bluish/green-eyed lady. Like sports, beach, sunsets, animals. Seeking easy-going man, nonsmoker, between the ages of 43 to 52 with similar interests. (12/14) 49305

intelligent, health-oriented. Interested in masculine scholar gentleman, cultured, refined, financially stable, generous, genuine. Downtown San Diego, Seaport Village. 50-70 if useful. (12/7) 49279

rage: 30-70 if useful. (12/7) \$\frac{49279}{49279} ATTRACTIVE, PETITE Latina, looking for Mr. Right, somebody who's caring, sincere, romantic, sense of humor, 5'3-5'9, 150-160lbs, healthy for friendship, possible relationship. (12/7) \$\frac{1}{49286}\$

37-YEAR-OLD QUALITY LADY, 5'4". 125lbs., brunette/blue eyes and attractive. Seeking physically fit, kind gentleman, 35-47 years for relationship. Must be presentable. (12/14) 349301 HOLIDAYS AROUND THE CORNER 50.

Latina, nice personality, enjoy movies, dining, quiet times, romance. Seeking 50-60 gentleman, serious relationship, no games, someone to share life. (12/7)

ASIAN WOMAN. 59, 5'3". Seeking man who has a lot of caring, loving, respect, understanding and financially stable in life. Asian or white OK. (12/14) 49306

#### Pie And Ice Cream

Average lady in Pacific Beach wants to meet a man over 40. I am 5'2", 125lbs. I like writing, mental health, pie, ice cream. (12/7) **2**49280

CREATIVE, WARM, INTELLIGENT, Spiritual, attractive, blue/blonde, navy widow, retired, enjoys healthy lifestyle, cruises, swimming, cultural activities. Seeks Christian gentleman, triendship, conpenionship, British background. (12/7)

PRETTY REDHEAD Great smile, curva-ceous full figure, seeks romance. Affec-tionate, sense of humor, established, pos-tive attitude, loves family, friends, baseball/fun. Wants relationship, 50+, (12/7) 149281 PHOTOS ONLINE Attractive, smart,

cheerful, affluent, Chinese, 53, 5'3', slim/toned, retired pharmacist. Seeks intelligent, flat-ab, nonsmoker male, in exploration of mutually enriching/fulfilling friendship. (12/7) 249289

ATTRACTIVE, EDUCATED Black, slender, sexy, exotic, 25 years, seeks a refined, honest, loving, cultured, financially stable, generous gent, 35-65 years, race open, for a romance. (12/7) 4749283

BROADMINDED, BALANCED Optimistic, vivacious sensitive, mischievous, kind, caring, sensual curvy shapely black female, 36. Seeks white male 30-45, for hiking, movies and more. (12/7) 349290

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SLIM, PETITE, attractive, real estate agent, 59, likes travel, outdoors, arts. Seeking attractive, reasonably fit companion for conversation and a glass of wine. (12/14) \$49295

wine. (12/14) \$\alpha\$49295

NORTH COUNTY COASTAL. Pretty widowed lady, 60s, slim, healthy, intelligent, successful, nature lover, adventure traveler. Seeking lifetime companion, caring, sincere, honest, educated, financially successful homeowner. (12/7) \$\alpha\$49287

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travel together. (12//) 13-492/4

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CLASSY, SENSUOUS, intelligent, 57, lady would like fun and adventure with hand-some, witty, sense of humor gent 48-60. Are you ready for fun, friendship/ro-mance? (12/7) 249288

#### MATCHES

### MEN SEEKING Women

JEWISH MAN, 61, seeking Jewish 

49, POLICE OFFICER. Healthy Caucasian, secure, gentleman's standards/morals, live in Fashion Valley. Seeking 40-49, content, fit, motivated lady to enjoy life with, relationship. (12/14) 49751

communication, chemistry, trust, respect, laughter, passion, romance, KPBS radio, classic rock, arts, creative, spontaneous. Looking for athletic, petite, nonsmoker, 38-48. (12/14) 49757

MENSCH, 54, MAROONED by Cowles Mountain. Seeking bold, profound, slen-derish female to spill guts with. Hey, I'm only \$1.99 and who knows how much na. (12/14) **1**49761

MATCH MADE IN HEAVEN. Sometimes it takes a while to find someone special. Professional seeks Christian young lady for friendship, dining, dancing, romancing, possibly more. (12/14) \$\infty\$ 49739

HELLO SEXY LADY So you're searching for a great guy? I'm Latin, 39, 5'11', 165lbs, young looking, athletic, humorous, intelligent! Let's salsa tonight. Race unimportant. (12/14) \$\tilde{\alpha}\$49737

nancially secure, seeking sweet, honest, caring lady who enjoys travel outdoors, for lasting relationship. Age, race open. (12/7) \$\tilde{\alpha}\$9721 HOPELESS ROMANTIC 50, 5'6", white, fi-

BIG BOY WANTS BIG GIRL, 27-39, to share the good things in life. You are intelligent, outspoken, fun, wild, sexy, sentimental. Just like me. (12/7) \$\infty\$49732

HANDSOME WIDOWER, tall, great looking, healthy, educated, virile, retired businessowner, homeowner, financially secure. Seeking nice, affectionate, sensual curvaceous lady, 48-65. Dates, fun, romance, dancing. (12/7) 249717

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YES MA'AM. Strikingly handsome, 50, 6'1', 190lbs, emotionally/financially secure. Seeking mature, assertive, beautiful, sublime, curvaceous woman to show her the respect she deserves. (12/14)

TX 49745

SO MANY OF LIFE'S little pleasures await. Let's share. I am a young, eclectic, energetic 60, anxious for your smile. Happy holidays together. (12/14)

STRONG WOMAN DESIRED! Are you outgoing, spontaneous, diverse, balanced yet assertive? Are you active, healthy and tired of the average men out there? (12/14) 2 49760

RACIALLY UNDEFINED, Socially indifferent human, 53. Seeking pleasant woman of discreet integrity, nothing else matters. I'm immune to fashion, fiscal advice, authoritative opinions, greed, grudge, mean ideas. Well-traveled, way left, educated, healthy, tall, hirsute, low profile, high ideals. Love truth, beauty, love and language. (12/14) \$\mathbf{T}\$49743

NOVICE OUTDOORSMAN Seeks femining outdoorsy lady to show me the way to new adventures. Me, 45, 5'8', 160lbs. You, personable, ready for caring, sharing relationship. (12/14) \$\alpha\$ 49738

ng relationship. (1/214) ☆ 19/38

I'M 49, ATTRACTIVE, bright, and I'm seeking a basically happy, sensitive, trim woman (any race), who needs to be needed. You won't be disappointed. (12/7) ☆ 49718

I WOULD LIKE TO MEET an Asian lady for a date. I enjoy boogie boarding, soccer, football, poker and anything to do with sports. (12/7) ☎49727

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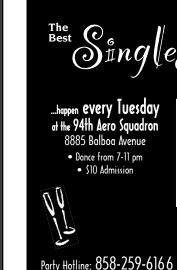
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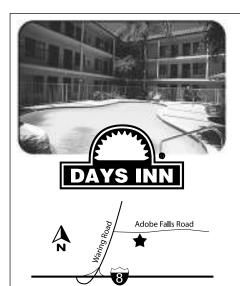
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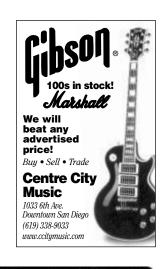
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My wife and I are friends with a couple up the street

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boy is 17 and a good, polite kid. During a recent ten-

day vacation, he house-sat for us. He came over every

day, watered our plants and the lawn, fed our para-

keets, brought in the mail. This meant he had a key

to our house. Of course, his parents knew all about

this arrangement, and we paid him 50 dollars to

watch our house. When we returned, everything

seemed in ship-shape. However, on turning in for

the night, we discovered a couple of sparkly barrettes

and a pair of leopard-print panties under one of our

pillows! As my wife said these items weren't hers, this

led to my having a private conversation with the

young man first thing the next morning. He con-

fessed that he and his girlfriend had been using our

house like a hotel while we were away. My dilemma: Should I tell the kid's parents? The girl involved is 16. The boy begged me not to tell anyone and made all kinds of promises. I still think he's a good kid, but if his parents found out we knew what he and his girlfriend were up to, and that we didn't clue them in, I think they would be (justifiably) livid.

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### Dear Worried,

Tell the young man that he must inform his parents what happened. Reassure him you still think he's a great guy, this isn't the end of the world and all that, but the matter is out of your hands. The players here are minors, and his folks need to know what's up — if for no other reason than they need to make sure that he is having safe sex and that he understands the possible consequences of his actions. And I think you'll have to find another housesitter.

### Dear Saffron,

My parents divorced when I was 3. I'm 32 now. I've always maintained good relations with both Mom and Dad and lived half time with each of them while growing up. Dad remarried when I was 9 to a woman I'll call "Ivy," who I grew close to. She and my dad were married 20 years or so — until quite recently, in fact, when Dad shocked me by announcing he and Ivy were getting divorced and he was marrying "Eve." Dad is 55 and Eve is a year younger than me. I don't understand what my father is doing. I love Ivy - she has been a second mother to meand I think my father is crazy for divorcing her. Ivy is so devastated that she is moving to Canada. Eve, whom I just met, is very pretty, and nice enough, I guess, but the kicker is that Dad and she now tell me that I'm going to have a half-sibling more than 30 years my junior in six months! I am having a hard time not being angry with Dad. I don't want to be around him and his pregnant fiancée. I know he loves me and wants me to be happy for him, but all I feel is disgust, and for the first time in my life I am avoiding contact, which I know hurts him. I just want to cry every time I think about what has happened to my little family. Help!

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### Dear Weeping,

Wow. You have a huge amount to contend with here. Dad is going to have to cut you some major slack while you gather your wits and get used to the fact that your whole family configuration has suddenly changed. This is a shock, and like with other kinds of shocks, you need time to heal and regroup. Find a kind and honest way to tell your dad this. Ask him to be patient with you. There's nothing you can do about your father's decisions. He's well past the age of consent, and

whether he has acted in the throes of a midlife crisis, or found a soul mate, or was faced with the fact that he'd fathered a child he hadn't expected, you're still powerless to change this situation. You're going to have to accept it as best you can. If you feel going to a therapist will help you talk through the intense issues that have come up in this crisis, by all means go. You have a perfect right to tell your dad that you love him, but will need time away from him and his new family in order to process what has happened, adjust, and figure out how to move on.

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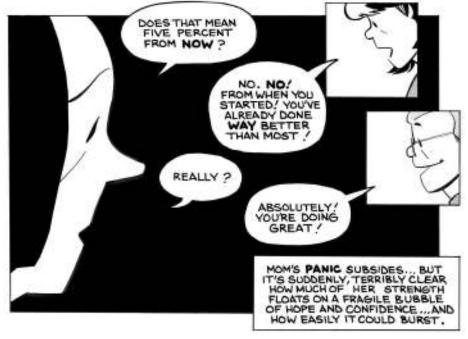
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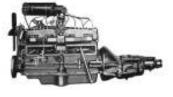






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—"THICK SKIN," Duncan Shepherd, December 4, 1975

#### **Twenty-Five Years Ago**

"It was necessary that I did what I did." Art Gurlly continues to apply a coat of mahogany polish to my boots, resting on the steel braces in front of my raised chair. "Very necessary." He rubs his dwindling brown daubing brush in small semicircles. "I was working in the post office one day back in '67...." he pinches closed the red-and-black tin of Angelus shoe polish "...and I was sorting through the mail and I thought, 'If I worked this hard for myself, I could really make it.' I believed that."

**"LAST STANDS,"** Neal Matthews, December 4, 1980

### **Twenty Years Ago**

Where I live, the surf of our Eastern Pacific swings out of a deep submarine canyon and traces the shorelines of La Jolla. This canyon influences local sea life in ways beyond any angler's understanding. All around are guideposts to fish: the pier, kelp beds, a marine reserve; the reefs and tight coves at the south end of town; to the north, the cliff-lined beaches and isolated waters of one of the last wild stretches of Southern California coast, I fish here for the diversity of game fish, which, when you get one in the surf, pinpoints the season in a way no calendar can.

— **"A CAST OF ONE,"** Scott Sadil, December 5, 1985

### Fifteen Years Ago

Lynne Carrier, an editorial writer for the San Diego Tribune, says she is suing her editors mostly for their vindictiveness. "I want people to know that this is not about a few sexist jokes," says Carrier, "Taken in isolation, none of these incidents mean anything. But it became a pattern, and when I complained, they started an inhouse campaign to destroy my career."

Carrier's lawsuit, filed on November 21 in San Diego Superior Court, opens the door to a small, windowless room of prize-winning journalists, a Pulitzer among them. According to Carrier, the five male editorial writers discussed global politics, local elections, dildos, social issues, and naked, trembling women.

—CITY LIGHTS: "THE EDITORIAL THEY," Brae Canlen, December 6, 1990

#### **Ten Years Ago**

Everywhere we go, Rebecca uses the facilities. When we went to SeaWorld, Rebecca went to the bathroom. When we went to the zoo. Rebecca went to the bathroom. When we had dinner at Rubio's, Rebecca went to the bathroom. When we bought a wedding gift at Bed, Bath & Beyond, Rebecca went to the bathroom. Every time we go to the grocery store, Rebecca insists on going to the bathroom.

—KID STUFF: "WHERE'S THE BATHROOM, MOMMY?" Anne Albright, November 30, 1995

#### **Five Years Ago**

We met through friends at a time when both our lives were at loose ends. He was a strong Chicago boy who knew how to tell a joke and he loved to listen to jazz. He worked at a record store. He dated lanky, long-haired girls



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who hadn't finished graduate degrees in linguistics or art. I never met a man who loved as hard as Jacob. When these women left him, and they always did, hope left with them. Jacob would sit on his couch with his big head in his hands and moan. He wouldn't eat or bathe for days. When he was at his saddest, I'd go to his house and cook. Perhaps he was the brother I'd always wished I'd had.

—TIP OF MY TONGUE: "TOFU." Max Nash. November 30, 2000

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Among the "10 Worst Jobs in Science" in Popular Science's annual November listing: Harvard researchers in Borneo who catch orangutan urine (in plastic sheets, the way firefighters catch jumpers) for studying reproduction-hormone levels; gearpacking monitors who run toward (not away from) the gases and molten rock of erupting volcanoes (dozens have been killed or wounded); U.S. Geological Survey workers at two picturesque California lakes monitoring "extremophile" microbes that thrive in the most putrid environments (work that one says resembles being surrounded by 100 "extremely flatulent people"); and "human lab rats" such as students employed in an industry-funded University of California at San Diego study for \$15 an hour to have pesticides sprayed into their eyes.

#### **Leading Economic Indicators**

 Chief executive officers at 367 top U.S. corporations were paid, on average, \$431 last year for every \$1 paid to their companies' average production worker, according to publicly available information jointly compiled in September by Institute for Policy Studies and United for a Fair Economy. In 1990, the ratio was about \$100-to-\$1. (If the federal minimum wage had increased since 1990 by the same rate as the multiple for CEOs' pay, it would have risen from \$5.15 an hour to \$23.03, but, of course, it's still \$5.15.)

Cutting-Edge Products: (1) In September, China's Guangzhou Haojian Bio-science Co. introduced new condoms whose names read phonetically as the "kelintun" and the "laiwensiii," which of course resemble the names of a former U.S. president and his acquaintance. (2) Women's Wear Daily reported in October that rock star Marilyn Manson said he was finalizing a personal perfume deal with a "major" company, as a precursor to his own full cosmetics line.

 Parents of McGovern Elementary School students in Medway, Mass., complained to the Boston Herald in October because Paul Trufant's septicsewage service, located across from the school, boasts the identifying slogan on all its trucks: "Shit Happens." Trufant said he would advertise however he wants to: "This is America, not Iraq."

#### Signs of the Times

Erica Salmon, originally a fantasy-footballleague "widow" because of her husband's seasonal mania, has now become mogul of her own fantasy league: of famous fashion designers. According to an October report by the Des Moines Register, managers draft teams consisting of three clothing designers, plus one each designer of shoes, handbags, jewelry and celebrity clothing, and then three celebrities, and they get points daily for the number and quality of name-mentions in Women's Wear Daily and other fashion and style magazines. As with football leagues, trades are permitted once a week.

— More Signs: (1) Judge Norene Redmond, facing the necessity to release prisoners from overcrowded Macomb County (Mich.) Jail, asked the public (via an October online poll) which types should be freed first; drug-possession and DUI defendants were deemed the most worthy, but Redmond said the final decision was hers. (2) An October Business Week report labeled mothers who are obsessed with buying their toddlers only upscale merchandise as "Yoga Mamas" who extend their own lifestyle to their babies; the report suggests that the toddler who receives a \$129 pair of shoes would probably "have more fun with the box they came in.

#### **Awesome Animals**

 More Weird Mating Habits: (1) In October, researchers said they had tagged a great white shark and tracked him 12,400 miles over nine months, from Africa to Australia and back again, ostensibly seeking to mate; according to the report in the journal Science, sex was the best explanation because food was so plentiful around Africa. (2) The male nursery web spider uses a cheap trick to get sex, according to an October report in the journal Biology Letters; the male gives the larger female a dead insect, then collapses, feigning death, distracting the female, which turns to the insect, at which point the male springs back to life and mounts her. (On the other hand, the female sometimes just eats the male, after or instead of copulating.)

Those Versatile Goats: (1) David Valentine,

12, often bounces on a trampoline with his pet goats, D.J. and Blessing, but officials in Miami Township, Ohio, threatened to crack down this fall since goats are not permitted within the town limits; David's parents say the goats are necessary to help with David's Attention Deficit Disorder. (2) The economy of the section of Morocco around Tiout is dependent on a renowned cooking oil made from nuts of the argan tree, but only nuts that have been eaten and excreted by goats (that actually climb into the trees and stand on branches to eat the nut-bearing fruit). According to an October New York Times dispatch, locals are trying to shift gradually from predigested nuts without spoiling the oil's taste.

- Python Mania: In a ten-day period in October in and near Miami-Dade County, Fla., non-native but super-predatory Burmese pythons killed and swallowed a turkey, a 15-pound cat, and (most famously, unsuccessfully) a 6-foot-long alligator. (The alligator ultimately burst the snake open, and the turkey's bulge prevented the python from slithering out of the bird's pen.) Officials have captured 150 pythons in recent years and estimate 250 more are in the area, the result of people discarding pet snakes once they reach adult length.)

#### **Least Competent People**

· Shortly after Hurricane Wilma struck Florida in October, officials said 911 operators in Palm Beach County were flooded not only with stormrelated calls but with self-imposed injuries. Some of the problems (according to an October Palm Beach Post story): brush-clearing chain-saw accidents; the old "cigarette-lighter-to-check-fuellevel-of-a-generator"; people falling off roofs while making repairs; setting up a generator too close to a window; cooking inside on a charcoal grill; pouring gasoline into a generator while it's running; failing to respect downed power lines; and stacking items atop a previously "on" electric stove so that, when power resumes, they catch fire. Police in Twin Falls, Idaho, confiscated almost \$1 billion in counterfeit money in October in a doomed scheme in which the loot consisted only of bills of the denomination of \$1 million (which does not legally exist); a man from Buhl, Idaho,

had tried to give a bank that amount as collateral for a loan. And according to police in Lafayette, Ind., in September, Earl Devine's counterfeit money was not much better: Though a popular name for \$100 bills is "Benjamins" (for the face of Benjamin Franklin), Devine's \$100 bills still had the face of Abraham Lincoln from the \$5 bill he allegedly used as a model.

#### **Readers' Choice**

In October, a 33-year-old pastor at the University Baptist Church in Waco, Texas, standing in a baptismal pool preparing to immerse a parishioner in front of hundreds of congregants, mishandled a microphone and was electrocuted. On the same day in Johannesburg, South Africa, a pastor at the Jerusalem Apostolic Church drowned during a river baptism ceremony when he and the parishioner (who also drowned) lost their footing on rocks in the river bed.

### Gas Pedal, Brake Pedal, Whatever (all-new)

Accidents by elderly drivers whom police suspect momentarily confused the gas pedal for the brake (or accelerated in the wrong gear): Age 90, crashed into another car in a funeral procession, injuring nine, Birdsboro, Pa. (May). Age 89, crashed into a Winn-Dixie, injuring seven, Lakeland, Fla. (November). Age 87, crashed into a hospital's lobby, injuring five, Bismarck, N.D. (October). Age 83, crashed into a garage and house, killing the driver, Chicago (September). Age 82, crashed through four walls and a steel door of a security company, injuring one, Anderson, S.C. (November). Age 80, crashed into four parked cars, no injuries, Rockford, Ill. (November). Age 78, crashed into several cars and a large crowd at an auto auction, injuring 20, Yaphank, N.Y. (July). Age 77, crashed into the operating room of an eye clinic, just missing a sedated patient, no injuries, Newark, N.J. (August).

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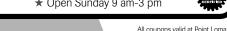
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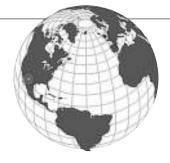
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The cause of the confusion: Hurricane Katrina.

Before Katrina hit, I was a whiny chick from New Jersey who didn't feel at home in Ruralplace, Texas. After Katrina, I was reminded that I did feel at home in a place I'd never been: New Orleans. My cells yearned for it as much as for H.E.B. Pecan Pie ice cream. Maybe it was the food. Maybe it was the jazz. Maybe it was the fact that some of the greatest writers in America lived and wrote in New Orleans.

I loved the accent. I loved all that laissons les bons temps rouler carrying on in spite of whatever. I loved most that it was an eccentric city, diverse as all get out.

The idea of New Orleans had so enthralled me that I chose to go to college there. If I had been born rich, I might have ended up at Tulane, but that was not to be.

Now it may never be again. But, my heart, once called, still answers. And the sadness washes over me like the spill from the breached levees.

It was one of the first times I'd ever seen poor people like me, or worse than me, on TV, in the United States, Ever notice

how you don't see real poor people on TV? The news kept emphasizing — when they weren't obsessed with people looting (big surprise: when people are desperate and poor, they tend to steal things) — that the poorest of the poor were unable to evacuate. They didn't have cars. (If they had cars they wouldn't have been able to afford the gasoline.) There was no public transportation. They didn't have enough friends or resources to help.

Not very different from yours truly!

As George C. Scott, playing General Patton, observed, "This is me."

No boundaries! The self does not exist!

George Scott/Patton understood he was Sun Tzu and Alexander the Great, and it dawned on me that I was in that water grabbing those Pampers from the Wal-Mart.

How could I not grieve for my own demise? How could I not bide with lump in throat, hoping for my own survival?

It was as if my entire being was one festering wound and someone tore the scab trying to form right off. Though I was intellectually a halfway intelligent, wellinformed, well-intentioned human being, I was sheltered

and clueless. I also understood that everything about me didn't matter one iota faced with the barbarism that is basic inhumanity.

When faced with suffering, one must act to end it. Period.

This could be you, it says. Hell, it is you. Tomorrow. Maybe the day after that. You don't know.

This is how it happens:



the barrier breaks. There is no longer me or them.

The myriad cries of the world become one keening, frightened wail.

I would *not* put my hands over my ears.

There always would be very little that I could do to relieve the suffering in the world. I could pray. I could pepper cyberspace with pretty pictures to gladden the heart. I could send any errant dollar to the appropriate

relief organizations until I died. I could, with heart in mouth and more prayers coming, continue to vote for human beings who might have a chance to run the rascals who don't give a damn about their neighbors out of office.

I could pay homage to the world washed away. The husband made a wheat gluten etouffée in remem-

> brance. The recipe was all in his head where memories of the place reside.

> It ain't about me and never was. It's about getting up in the morning, keeping on and doing what needs to be done, even when the floodwaters of human evil threaten to overwhelm the levee of the human

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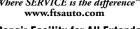


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**Location:** 620 14th Street, Ramona **Time/Date:** 6:30 p.m. on 11/17/05

**Report:** Sheriff's Deputies responded to reports of an individual being shot. Upon arrival they found the victim



suffering from a gunshot wound to his upper chest. The suspect had fled the scene. The vic-

tim was transported from the scene by Ramona Fire Department Paramedics to the fire station for preparation for air transport. Unfortunately he was pronounced deceased at 7:16 PM at the fire station.

The suspect was identified by witnesses at the scene. A possible residence in Ramona was identified where the suspect could be hiding. Deputies saw a vehicle leaving the house and followed it into the City of Escondido. The vehicle pulled onto a cul-de-sac and when it turned around, in order to exit, deputies attempted to stop the vehicle. The vehicle drove at one of the deputies who was standing in the street and the deputy shot at the vehicle three times. The vehicle continued another 300 yards and crashed into a fence. The occupant(s) fled into the neighborhood.

#### **HUMAN REMAINS**

**Location:** 18 Mile Marker of State Highay S-22, Scissors Crossing

**Time/Date:** 8:54 a.m. on 11/21/05

Investigation: A female hiker located what appeared to be human bones scattered behind brush while hiking in the area of Scissors Crossing. Rural Deputy Jeff Hamm was notified regarding the location of the bones and agreed to meet the reporting party for the exact location.

Deputy Hamm was directed to a shallow grave and discovered human bones scattered on the ground. Sheriff's Homicide Detail was notified and responded, along with personnel from the Sheriff's Crime Laboratory, to

conduct an investigation. The remains of a human skeleton were recovered. The bones were collected by the San Diego County Medical Examiner's Office for further investigation in an effort to identify the decedent and establish cause and manner of death.

A pair of boxer shorts were found near the gravesite.

### RECKLESS DRIVING/SHOOTING

Location: [8800] Cottonwood Avenue,

Time/Date: 11:59 p.m. on 11/18/05



**Résumé of Incident:** Deputies responded to a report of a male driving erratically. He had driven down the roadway and into the driveway. Once in the driveway he was accelerating, braking, and swerving. Witnesses were concerned he might be a danger to other motorists if he drove back onto the roadway.

The responding deputies approached the vehicle on foot, directing the driver to stop and turn the engine off. The suspect was waving his arms around and yelling something. His actions and what he was saying were not understood. The suspect again accelerated, this time coming towards one of the deputies and two deputies fired their handguns. Approximately ten shots were fired. The suspect was struck at least twice. The suspect's truck continued and crashed into a sheriff's patrol car.

Santee Fire and Paramedics responded and provided emergency medical aid. The suspect was transported to Sharp Memorial Hospital where he was pronounced deceased at 12:39 a.m.

#### CARJACKING

**Location:** 10108 Bass Road, Lakeside **Time/Date:** 12:54 a.m. on 11/17/05



Incident Report: Mark G. woke up his girlfriend who was asleep in her pickup truck at Lake Jennings Camp Ground. G. threatened her with a knife before she escaped out of the vehicle. G. took the vehicle and drove off. A short time later. G. crashed the nickun truck into a tree at the Las Colinas Detention Facility. Jail deputies detained G. until units from the Santee Sheriff's Station arrived. G. was subsequently arrested by Deputy Matt Ellis for carjacking, assault with a deadly weapon, and other charges including being under the influence of a controlled substance.

### ATTEMPTED CARJACKING

**Location:** Parking Structure 6, SDSU **Time/Date:** 10:40 p.m. on 11/9/05

Incident: A lone suspect approached a male SDSU student and demanded the keys to his Honda Ridgeline truck. The attacker claimed he was armed. The student, not seeing a weapon, punched the thief sev-

eral times about the face. After receiving a beating, the suspect fled the crime scene, running northbound out of the structure. The suspect is described as a Hispanic male, between 30 and 40 years of age, 5' 9", with a thin build, weighing 170 pounds. He has uncombed, short, curly black hair, and a goatee, and was last seen wearing a white T-shirt, blue jeans, and black shoes.

### STOLEN VEHICLE/ PURSUIT

**Location:** 1157 Sweetwater Road,

Spring Valley

Time/Date: 6:24 p.m. on 11/17/05



Incident Report: Lemon Grove Sheriff's Gang Suppression Deputy Ruben Gomez observed a stolen Chevrolet Cavalier in the parking lot at the Fantasyland Bookstore. Deputy Gomez waited for the occupant, later identified as Luis H. (DOB: 07-25-76), to exit the bookstore and drive away in the vehicle. Deputy Gomez attempted to stop the vehicle [and] H. sped off from the parking lot. A pursuit ensued for approximately 7 miles that ended in a cul-de-sac at [6000] Cleo Street, San Diego. H. fled from the vehicle and ran down a 100-yard dirt ravine while deputies followed. Deputy Hout and his K-9 apprehended the suspect. H. was transported to Mercy Hospital for dog bites to his head, arm, and back.

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"I bought it because my daughter's car was getting old and going bad on her. So I gave her my car. A 2000 Mustang.'

I say, "You're smarter than I am. When my daughter's Honda got wrecked, I bought a new Acura and gave it to her."

"That's generous," Barbara says. "It was partly a bribe," I admit. "She was in college and she knew that if she got bad grades or dropped out, no more Acura. What made you decide on an Acura?"

"I have a friend, a guy that I used to work with, he's a real car guy. He's one of these guys the car companies call to get their reaction to new models. He said, 'Do you want a rockand-roll car or a grownup car?'

"Now, I think of a rock-and-roll car as something like the Camaro I used to drive. I wasn't looking for anything like that, but I didn't want anything like a Buick sedan or a Camry or an SUV either. So I said, 'How about half and half?' He said, 'Then the Acura RSX is your kind of car. It's sporty and it handles well and it's got what you need most, which is a great sound system.""

The sound system's important, Barbara tells me, since she loves music, especially blues. She's such a fan of blues, she makes frequent trips to the Mississippi Delta and is thinking of buying a home there. She says, "The ritzier Acuras are nice, but they wouldn't feel right while you're listening to blues. My RSX is the low end and the smallest Acura."

"Is yours the size of the Integra?" I ask.

"No, the Integra is bigger, I think. And the only thing I don't like about my car is the small rear window. I can't see much that's behind me."

I tell her I used to drive my daughter's Integra a lot, and the only feature I didn't like was the gear ratio. "Even in fifth gear, it would get up close to 4000 rpm at about 65. I didn't want to drive it fast because it sounded like I was thrashing the motor."

"Mine has six gears," Barbara says. "And it needs all six of them. I need to go into sixth gear at about 65. The gear ratio is very low. But I don't drive all that fast, usually. What I like, besides the sound system, is the way it handles. And, like, this morn-



DRIVER: BARBARA GARDNER

VEHICLE: 2005 ACURA RSX

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ing, I was at what I call the gauntlet, where I-5 and 163 intersect, and I needed to change lanes and the driver wouldn't let me over and I just punched it, and I was in there."

"Have you driven it to Mississippi?" I ask.

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Summer Lovin' from Grease is, if not the most annoying composition in the history of recorded art, then certainly a high-level contender. My eyes blink against the fabric of my pillowcase. The force of my arms pushing against my ears is enough to make me think I'm doing some good, but really I'm only making the dance against my nerves worse by deepening the bass that reaches me.

And, why the hell are they stopping the song mid-way and repeating it from the beginning? The gossamer cord of tension strung tightly between my ears pulls to its maximum caliber. A snapping sound can't literally be heard in my room when I fire out of bed and hustle into my clothes, but it would not be out of place.

Clip clop, my tennis shoes land in the courtyard of my complex. I'm out of the house and into the night, the door is hanging open behind me, and I'm walking from window to window, searching for clues as to who's digging in to my eardrums with the dentist's drill that is Olivia Newton John. The song stops and starts again.

"Tell her more! Tell her more! Does the son of a bitch have a goddamned car?! Get on with it. Move on!" I shout. The song stops and starts again.

Up a flight of stairs I light upon a landing. Through a window I see the culprit. A round-faced, swarthy, heavy kid pounds his feet against a pad set on the flame-stitched carpet of his front room. He's alone, shirtless, and sweating. On the television set in front of him arrows glide and cascade down the screen instructing him to touch a corresponding circle on the white mat. I've seen the game. In malls, in Tokyo, Mission Valley, and London I've seen kids hopping away on a platform to reach a high level of skill rating. Dance Dance Revolution, it's called.

My fist flies up to pound on the door and give this kid hell for keeping me awake when I witness something that makes me stop. The chubby kid can't move his feet quickly enough to advance past this level. The song stops and starts again, and his blubbery belly collapses, his hands rest on his knees, and his head hangs, chin touching his chest. He sobs.

I turn around and begin my descent down the steps. At my last gaze through the glass, I say to him, "Go ahead kid. Dance."

### WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

### GOOD MORNING SAN DIEGO

### KUSI 7:00 A M

To the patrons of the coffee shops in University Heights, an open letter:

Congratulations! You've done it. You've put in an earnest effort and you've successfully replicated "the look." A tight pair of jeans, a black knit sweater, and one asymmetrical shaggy bob cut with a white skunk stripe down the center has won you the title of "individual." The revolution would be nothing without you. JOB WELL DONE!

### COFFEE AND CIGARETTES

### SHOW 9:00 P.M.

Another letter to the fine customers of the uptown shops:

You can take your mod, detached, air-ofsuperiority attitude and cram it up your hipster ass.

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

### MAKING THE BAND

### MTV 7:30 P.M.

Here's something else you can cram up your ass: Franz Ferdinand. Put the whole band up there

right down to the drumsticks. And Arcade Fire. I'll hold your hips and use my foot to get them up there if you need some assistance, but, so help me, this abomination and all of its limp-wristed noodlings WILL fit in your tailpipe. Gyah!

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

#### BRATZ

#### XETV 9:00 A.M.

That's all I'm going to say about our city's tragically unaffected yet somehow melancholy youth. Woo. I'm mean when I get too much caffeine

in me. ONWARD! R. Kelly's latest steaming sack of monkey compote is called *Trapped in the Closet* (who didn't see that train pulling in to the station?). This piece of work is composed of 12 different "chapters." In the 10th "chapter," R. Kelly's R&B rhythms back up his keen storytelling, which involves a midget who fills his under shorts when a gun is pointed at him. You'd think after the whole zip-zip, whiz-whiz, I-didn't-know-shewas-15-years-old-Your-Honor debacle, someone in R's posse would steer his "creative whims" away from the scatological arena. I don't know whether to laugh or cluck my tongue in judgment.

### STRANGER IN MY BED

#### LIFE 7:00 P.M.

So far, this week's installment has been an unpleasant and messy affair, hasn't it? Let's get right to sex, then! My friend Ron's philosophy on pleasuring a woman goes, "It's a race. Whoever finishes first wins. The quicker she understands this, the quicker she can take home the gold for herself." That's an interesting way of looking at it.

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

### SCARFACE

### SPIKE 8:00 P.M.

In the ninth grade, my counselor asked what I wanted to be when I grew up. "Getaway driver" was the official answer, but "plumber" is what was stamped in my file. God, I hate that woman.

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Scarface

during the shootings. The device for recording police-band radio back in that day was something called a "Dictaphone" that used a medium called a "Dictabelt." I'm a good 17 years past the age where something like that should be considered funny. Did I snicker every time that piece of evidence was presented? You're damn right I did.

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

#### **HAPPY DAYS**

#### WGN 5:30 A.M.

Dammit! Mr. Miyagi, I swear that when I'm immortal I'll find some way to bring you back from the dead. I don't care if it takes a thousand years. I'll do it.

So far on this list: Hunter S. Thompson; my dog, Rusty; Mr. Miyagi. Somebody keep track of this stuff.

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

### DREW CAREY'S GREEN SCREEN SHOW COMEDY 7:00 P.M.

Anyone who likes his other show will get a kick out of this. It's improv-gone-not-so-high-tech. Of course, anyone who likes his other show would probably lick the screen on an ATM machine, you know, just to see what it's like. So there you have it.

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

### REAL WORLD AUSTIN: THE FOOTAGE THEY SHOULD HAVE SHOWN

### MTV 9:00 P.M.

This is an outtakes and behind-the-scenes footage reel from the same channel that made the original program *Real World: Austin.* You're making a show about how you made a show? Sweet Jesus! Talk about an inflated sense of your own self-worth.

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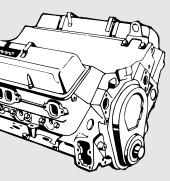
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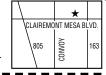
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"I am so sick of everyone being so entitled, so self-absorbed, so rude."

<u>By John Brizzolara</u>

I will attempt to catch up with Santa Claus tomorrow at Seaport Village, but that will be some hours after deadline. If all goes well, I'll let vou know next week. New questions loom since I last saw him years ago at the skating rink in Horton Plaza; and even then he left me with unsatisfying responses, politicians' answers that are really none at all. In the meantime, I am poised over my new computer, two hours away from the onslaught known as shopping days before Christmas. Sated with turkey pastrami burritos, my Thanksgiving dinner and a fine one, I feel equipped to vomit heartily by the end of the business day tomorrow, the Friday after Thanksgiving.

I have already been given cause to hurl on several occasions in recent weeks, at check-out lines in grocery stores, at bargain bins, on city buses and, of course, watching television, all with the season's madness to blame.

I see, just now, on the flickering, muted tube that a certain department store will open its doors at five in the morning. The idea that anyone at all would be there, to save a few dollars, at that time of day, lacks all credibility to me, but this seems to be quite real.

Yesterday a man at Vons told me to shut-up, go to the bathroom, and mind my own business. I was stunned, but he was right. It was none of my business: his complaint about the unclean bathroom to the store manager. I was trying to commiserate with him, waiting behind him for a key or token to get in the thing, shaking my head and muttering, "That never seems to be anybody's job, does it?" He told me he was not talking to me, etc. He was larger than myself, at least 20 years younger, and appeared completely civilized, mild-mannered, and even effeminate. He was on the brink of swinging a fist in what surely would have been an unpracticed move, and I had to wonder, for several blocks walking home, why?

I had left Vons with only half of what I had set out for in my eagerness to get the hell out of there. The vibes, that Wednesday before Thanksgiving, reminded me of the vibes at Altamont Speedway 36 years earlier. I was at that Rolling Stones concert, and it is likely that every dark thing you've heard about it was true. No Hell's Angels were in evidence at Vons, but a small squad of, say, veterinary students, armed with tranquilizer dart guns would not have been out of place.

A woman checker at the next register signaled to someone behind me that she would ring her up, and immediately, a middle-aged, single man with a shopping cart full of beer, chips, paper cups, and what all, heard her, aced out the woman, T-boning another man's cart, and forged ahead. The checker started ringing him up, and the aced-out woman called over the short distance, "She was talking to me!"

"Whatever." He was chuckling, looking around for a high-five or the facial equivalent. None was forthcoming. The woman gave him the finger and he did-

It may only have been me and our check-out guy who heard her say, "I am so sick of everyone being so entitled, so self-absorbed, so rude."

I had learned my lesson so I said nothing. I just wanted out.

Later, at Big Lots, the atmosphere was not dissimilar to the first night of the Democratic National Convention in Chicago in 1968, only in Grant Park, not on the convention floor. Slow, waddling packs of predatory, heavyset, and swarthy women behind strollers, children slung at primate angles from their hips, gibbered excitedly in another language than mine, their feral-glazed eyes like embers waiting to be ignited by sale tags seemed like some toxic distortion of prehistory: motorcycle cops like triceratops searching out cowering perpetrators, deviates, homersexshuls. Their voices like radio static and maracas, the pronouncements of the insane threatening tears:

("Parasumadrecientecinecerosconcigaroscon...quemilagro...esse...donde su esposacabron ...drdrdrrdpudabudapapapmadasinacinayconyosuconyosuconyo...")

All of it, uncannily identical to the incomprehensible airborne police codes of the robopathic cyberswine everywhere before they erupt into senseless melees of bloodletting. It started with children being swatted, escalated to aisle-spanning cries like gargled yodeling, the lamentation of old women, the pulling of hair, a shriek, a glissando of torment. I dropped paper towels among packets of dog food and left, trying not to run.

The whole thing had been, I was convinced, about nothing. I had just witnessed a current of idiot malevolence move through the Big Lots shoppers

with no more intent than would a sadistic, lobotomized electrician dosed with gunpowder in his mescal might have with nothing better to do than cross wires.

On the streets, the shadows, even at 6:50 p.m. or thereabouts, seemed to yawn like skeletal cavities in a neon-washed urbanscape. A ghettobird, or police helicopter, described an ellipses overhead, stabbing at the gaping shadows, its loudhailer scrawking like a monstrous, deranged parrot. In a thrift-shop window, a motorized, animatronic Santa did a creepy, arthritic jig while rooted to its spot in the darkened window surrounded by stuffed reindeer car-



"Merry Christmas, little Iohnny."

casses with noses like blood clots in the gloom.

It may be argued that I over-react to the holidays, Christmas in particular, and so it might have been unnecessary that I took the following exchange personally.

Guy at bustop: "Got a extra cigarette?"

Me: "No. Sorry."

Guy: "Rich-ass liar." (Then, as I continue down block,) "Merry Christmas!" It was the "Merry Christmas" that seemed like a curse.

It is clear I'm out of my manic phase. It is foolish to think Santa will have answers. Still, it can't hurt to ask, for example: "Take, 'good will toward men.' Could you elaborate on that? Any suggestions for those who might find themselves at, say, two with mankind as opposed to one?"

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